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VICTORY THROUGH SUFFERING

A sermon preached by Austin K. de Blois in the First Baptist Church and Stenographically reported.

I will call your attention to the Gospel according to St. John, 16th Chapter and 33rd verse: "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

The prophet Isaiah had a vision. In the fair scene which presented itself before him, he saw the splendor of God in the whiteness of Lebanon, in the green of the verdure of Carmel, in the rare and varied colors of Sharon. The prophet, as he gazes, is bowed with wonder and awe at the strange scene and he cries: "The ransomed of the Lord will return and come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." The Apostle John has a vision. He sees the City of God descending out of Heaven in the glory of the New Jerusalem, apparelled to receive the King of Kings, and crowded with the happy company of the redeemed; he hears the voice of the Almighty speaking in tones of love; and he cries: "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."

OUR VISION OF VICTORY.

The vision of the prophet and the vision of the apostle are possible also for us. We may lift up our eyes unto the everlasting hills; we may lift up our hearts unto the Everlasting God; and even though we may be disheartened because of sorrow and distress, we may find the larger blessing, we may receive the greater glory. Is the night dark and terrible? "He giveth songs in the night." Is the tempest furious and fierce? "He is a shelter in the time of storm." Is the foe crafty and relentless? If we take unto ourselves the whole armor of God, instead of seeking to stand in the panoply of man's might, we shall be "conquerors and more than conquerors." Is the pathway before us uncertain, in the midst of dangerous and treacherous moorlands? His promise is: "I will guide thee with Mine eye." There is certainty of light for darkness, life for death, cheer and victory for tribulation. So the Lord Jesus Christ takes the word of the prophet and the word of the apostle, weaves them into the warp and woof of His glorious Gospel, and

cries in the words that we have today for our text: "These things have I spoken unto you that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." And as we listen to these words of Jesus Christ, the words of John and the words of Isaiah are no longer dark or enigmatical. We understand them as we can in no way understand them outside of the Gospel of our blessed Master.

TRIBULATION IS NECESSARY.

I think perhaps the fact that seems to stand out first, most strongly, in connection with this promise of Jesus, is the bold assertion that tribulation is not taken away in the course of Christian experience. We grow to judge even the matters of the moral and spiritual life by business standards. We go to Christ and say: "I am willing to be a Christian, willing to confess Thy name, willing to follow Thee, and in return for this I expect to be freed from all manner of tribulation to the end of the chapter." Do we say this? When we hear of the afflictions that come upon a good man, we are puzzled. We remember in connection with the tragedy of Mount Pelee, how a woman was found in a room in a certain house, upon her knees. She had been praying to God, praying to be delivered from the molten flood she had seen from a distance but a few minutes before, and in that very act of prayer, she was overcome and obliged to lay down her life, even as that drunkard, or that criminal, or that gambler, in the dens of vice and crime.

Have you never cried: "O Lord! Have I not served Thee? Have I not called upon Thy Holy Name? Have I not lived as Thou wouldst have me live? Why has this sorrow come to me?" Not long ago a man said to me: "I was ill in the house five weeks. I met with quite a severe accident; but my business went on at the store. I had a much needed rest, and best of all I got so much a week from the Accident Insurance Company." We give ourselves to God, and we expect that in turn He will coddle us and take care of us and guard us from accidents, and if something should happen, will look after us in a special way and so keep us from harm. God

will do nothing of the kind. "In the world ye shall have tribulation."

The Christian life is not a life insurance policy. It is not an arrangement of accident insurance. It is not a business proposition, we giving certain things, our pledges, our money, and so much of our time, and Jesus giving in return protection. In our case, how often we grieve and complain and call God unjust because we have agreed to serve Him, and He apparently has forgotten to protect us. Christ, however, brings from God no promise of a sheltered life. We read the Sermon on the Mount where the Master says: "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake." Not persecuted "although" righteous, but persecuted "because" righteous, mark you! We hear Him tell His disciples that they shall be reviled, that people shall say all manner of evil against them falsely; that they shall be accused, spit upon, hounded even to the death. When He sends out His disciples He does not pet and pamper them, and say: "You will not have any trouble; everything will go along smoothly." Jesus Christ may have been many things that we think He was, or that we do not think He was; but Jesus Christ certainly was not a Christian Scientist. He said: "You shall have tribulation." No words could be more definite. He speaks of tribulation, sickness, death.

No, Christ does not utter encouraging words when He sends out His disciples. Why, that chapter is one of the most painful in God's Word! In order that they may be hardened for their task, He tells them as plainly as He can speak that they are going out as sheep in the midst of wolves, that they must deny themselves, that they must bear the cross. But they go, and after Jesus' resurrection they keep on going, with a message beating in their hearts and burning on their lips, and they are ready to endure any sort of tribulation for the sake of Him who has sent them, who has warned them, but to whom He has promised the victory. Ah, here is the clue, "Ye shall have tribulation," but "In Me ye shall have peace." Peace for conflict and victory for trial! That is the promise, and so you see that this tribulation which is the lot of the Christian as well as the sinner, works out triumph at last for the man who follows Christ. We are not saved from tribulation; we are saved in and through tribulation.

TRIBULATION NOT DISCIPLINARY.

So we see that tribulation is not sent for the sake of discipline. Perhaps you have been plunged in anguish and in sorrow; you have known that grief that was too deep for tears; your aching heart has been nigh to breaking. There has been darkness in the place of light. The sun of your life has gone down in blackness and gloom, and as you sat, thus, in the shadows, some friend has come to you—shallow-minded, good-natured, anxious to help—and that friend has said to you: "Don't fret, my dear brother. It is all for the purpose of discipline." No greater lie was ever uttered. Those who speak thus have never walked through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, or drunk the cup of bitterness to its dregs. It is not for the purpose of discipline, but for the purpose of victory. The purpose is definite, inspiring, pro-

ductive. The purpose is the perfecting of the human life in Jesus Christ.

Do you mean to say that when the Almighty chastens those whom He loves and scourges every son whom He receives, He does it just to make them submit? Do you venture to say that He treats them after the fashion of the trainer with his balky horse, lashing him into place? Dare you say any such thing in the presence of Gethsemane, with its agony, its bloody sweat? Was it for the sake of discipline that He was compelled to say at last: "Not My will, but Thine be done?" Did not He follow the will of His Father throughout His whole life? Did He need discipline? No! The tribulation was not for the sake of discipline—not for punishment's sake—not for any of these things; but in order that that spotless, that divine sufferer might stand forth as a peerless Conqueror and Savior. "I have overcome the world," and He who says "I have overcome the world," bids us follow in His pathway, and overcome even as He also has overcome. Discipline is punishment; conquest is power. "I have overcome the world; in Me ye shall have peace." So the Christian shall have tribulation. So, again, this tribulation is not for discipline's sake, but for something larger: for patience's sake, for the sake of peace, for the sake of victory.

TRIBULATION LEADS TO TRIUMPH.

Then, again, this victory, the highest victory, is always won through the pathway of tribulation. It can come in no other way. Tribulation worketh victory in the Christian life. Where there is no tribulation, there is no victory. You may understand this by observing the lower orders of life. The cat is perfectly satisfied with a warm corner, and a lunch now and then; the dog requires a bone and sunshine; the savage wants good hunting, good fishing, and a battle now and then; the child is tickled with a straw; but a man in the higher life, in order to obtain a larger victory, must have trial, bondage of the spirit, the tussle with the world's rougher forces, and he is conqueror through this means.

You remember the chief captain who rescued Paul from the hands of the mob said: "I had to work and toil and save, and when I had amassed much money, I gave it all for the boon of Roman citizenship." Yet he recked not of the toil, of the trouble, of the money, of the weariness, for he had won the prize. And what cared Cyrus W. Field, when at last his work was complete, and the trans-Atlantic cable was laid, for the sneers and criticisms which he had endured. The hardships, the perils, the blackness of Africa are now but the vanished figment of a dream to Stanley when he emerges from the land of silence. The people, who have been waiting month by month, and year by year, for his coming, gave him a hearty, world-wide welcome. What is the labor, what the weariness of the way, if at last we win the victory; and so, when we enter the spiritual realm we find the same law taught in a higher and nobler way. What are these trials and tribulations if we gain at last the victory? They are but the memory of a dream that is past as we stand at last complete in Him.

The victory is positive, and suffering at its best is but negative, and positive forces are always stronger than negative forces. You remember

how wearied and fretted and tried you were, as you followed some high ambition, and when at last it came to you—that position which you had sought—that power which you had craved—how all the toil was forgotten in the possession? Now Jesus Christ simply gives us this same rule with regard to the eternal things. But the victory of the Lord Jesus Christ belongs to the Heavenly order. God is greater than man, and so God's victory is greater than that of man. As we follow the life of Jesus, we find that He was tried; we find that He was tempted; we find that tribulation bore upon Him heavily, bore down upon Him terribly. But if you look face to face with Jesus after the resurrection, you forget for the moment all the rest; His disciples forgot all the rest. Those haunting visions, the arrest of the Master, Pilate's palace, the cross; all of these things melted into nothingness as they looked into the face of Jesus. These trials and tribulations, they grieve our spirits. Yes, but in the Lord Jesus Christ we have strength.

TRIBULATION ISSUES IN ENDLESS JOY.

So we come to another blessed thought. It is thus that we will enjoy Heaven all the more, the final victory because of the trouble we have had here. I know a poor woman who has had, it seems to me, almost every sorrow that the human heart has witnessed, and yet, she has kept through it all her peace of mind, her trust in Jesus Christ. Her life has been like some fair flower to those around her, and she has kept on suffering, yet shedding abroad an angelic fragrance of faith. I believe there is no one in this house this morning (unless you have suffered just as much and just as long) who will enjoy Heaven as that woman will. The law of God is the law of compensation. Jesus Christ gives victory even in the midst of tribulation. And we shall have, as well, the grander victory. Have you been separated from your dear wife for half a dozen years? Has your heart been sore through loneliness and care, wrung with agony by her absence? You will have all eternity with her, and the union there will be all the sweeter because of your separation here.

We went down into the Cave of the Winds, we followed the guide, each one bearing a little, flickering torch. We went up and down, in and out among those slippery paths and through those winding ways, which run far under the mountains, and then finally up and up and up until we came out at last into the light again; and no light was ever so dazzling, so blinding. There were the valleys stretching far beneath us, and the mountains towering high above us, and it seemed as though we had come into paradise itself. We had been amongst those mountains for some days, had been driving over that very mountain before, but we had not realized the glory of it all. Thanks be to God, the greater the gloom the greater the glory!

TRIBULATION PURIFIES CHARACTER.

Finally, we may ask again the question that throughout our discussion has often risen to our lips: what are we really after, in this life of ours? If we are seeking pleasure, then surely trials and sufferings are a lamentable set-back. They frustrate our endeavors and overturn our plans. If we are seeking a dull and dreary con-

formity to God's laws, then discipline and penalties will at last perhaps lash us into line, God being the harsh task-master. But if character—Christian character—is our aim, then must we see that tribulation and chastisement and every experience that hinders our effort is but a moment in the process by which the Father is reaching the highest ends for us. They are our opportunity, our benediction, the clarion call to our highest manhood to acquit itself royally and gain the guerdon of victory. The development of life is described by the sacred writers as a pruning process, a pressing process, a beating process, a grinding process. It is described also as a purifying, a refining, a character-moulding process. Now we cannot separate these two views of the question. Without the pruning, pressing, beating, grinding, there can be no refining, purifying, character building. The churning changes cream to rich butter. The threshing machine gives us grain. By the mowing process, under the keen edge of the scythe-blade and by the drying process under the blazing sun, the hay is made ready.

On the bleak west coast of Ireland, I came late one afternoon to the celebrated Cliffs of Moher. Ascending to the summit of O'Brien's Tower I looked out over the ocean. The precipice had a sheer descent of more than six hundred feet, from the base of the tower to the seashore. To the North ran the jagged cliffs and frowning craggy heights far as the eye could reach. To the west lay the islands of Aran in the midst of the restless seas. The wind had been blowing a gale all day. The clouds were heavy and lowering. The waves, lashed to fury, threw themselves with terrific force against the giant piles of rock. It was a spectacle to make one draw back with shuddering fear. It seemed the angry arm of Nature bared to slay. No voice of man was to be heard, no home or haunt of man was to be seen. After being long held by the strange fascination of the scene, I turned and made my way to the main road, a mile or more distant. Mounting my wheel I wound along the cliff and then began the descent. When half way down, the road curved and I paused to take my farewell of the ocean. My heart was strangely depressed by the chill, the loneliness, the heavy clouds, the gathering gloom of night. But as I looked, behold the darkness fled. For, though it was cold and dreary still along the cliffs, far off upon the waters the sun, breaking through the clouds, was shedding its glorious rays full upon each of those three little islands of Aran and upon all the waters round about! There came instantly to my mind that word of John: "I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire." These little green islands shown like the far away isles of the blest. Aran's groves were emeralds fair. The seas were all aflame. It was the promise of a happy morrow. After tribulation triumph; after clouds the sun; after human sorrows heavenly joys. It was:

"A seed of sunshine that can leaven
Our earthly dullness with the beams of stars,
And glorify our clay
With light from fountains elder than the day;
A light across the sea
That haunts the soul and will not let it be,
Still beaconing from the heights of undegen-
erate years."

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

DEARLY BELOVED:—

As I notice the loving and consecrated spirit in which so many of our members give themselves to the service of Jesus Christ in His church I often think of Paul's succinct argument: "Hereby know we that we are born of God because we love the brethren. Love serves, serves joyfully, delights to serve."

The last time that I saw Deacon Parker he sent a special message of love and remembrance to the church, which I delivered at the prayer meeting that same evening. I believe that every time I visited Brother Pope during his illness he asked me the same question in the same words, always with eager interest: "Well, pastor, how is everything at the church?" Then he would listen intently as I spoke to him about our work. It was told me of Mrs. Marsh that, though living at a distance, she never cared to change her membership because of her great love for the old First church, where she had wrought in loyal devotion for so long.

Whenever I send a message to our members through the mails I receive in reply several letters which breathe the same spirit. Let me quote from two which I have recently received. One is from one whom we all honor. She writes: "Your letter announcing the week of prayer was received. To meet yourself, with all the rest of the dear people each evening would be to me a joy unspeakable. But to do so is next to impossible, for there is no use in disputing the fact that I am frail. I do trust that great good will result from the united prayers of our people, that we all may become more like the Master in humility, seeking not our own pleasure, but sacrificing for the good of others."

Another dear friend says: "I feel that I must

let you know how greatly I regret not being able to attend the meetings this week, as well as all of the evening meetings of the church; but the distance and lack of strength will not permit, yet I assure you that my heart and prayers are with you in this special effort as well as in all the work of the church. The greater part of my life I have been situated so I could attend all the meetings of the church and take an active part, and I cannot express the trial I feel it to be of so little use; but I am comforted in the thought that the dear Father knows my heart and its longings to be of some real use in His kingdom. But I want you, my dear pastor, to know I am not indifferent to any of the varied interests of the church, and my continual prayer is that God will bless your every effort and help each member of us to be true to our covenant obligations."

When I read such messages as these I rejoice in the thought of the rich treasures of affection which abide in the hearts of faithful souls, our kindred in the bonds of a holy fellowship, and of the importunate petitions which ascend to the throne of our Father in Heaven for our church and its work. By age, sickness, by distance they are removed from us; by the grace of the Spirit how near and how dear they are to us, and we to them.

The new year promises well. The meetings of the Week of Prayer were exceedingly helpful. The rallies were carried forward last week with fine enthusiasm. The Master has need of us all—each one of us—each in his place, stalwart and true, this winter. The Master has very great need of each of us. We must not disappoint Him.

Your Pastor and Friend,

AUSTIN K. DE BLOIS.



OBITUARY.

S. C. KING.

Mr. S. C. King was called to his heavenly home on Saturday, October 13th. He had not been in good health for some time and had looked forward with loving submission to the joy of going to be forever with the Lord. As a church we extend our heartfelt Christian sympathy to Mrs. King in Portland and the two sons who are active in our church work here.

DEACON R. S. PARKER.

Fifty years ago this month R. S. Parker moved from New England to this city and became a member of this church. Subsequently he was elected a deacon of the church, which office he held until his decease.

From the beginning of their acquaintance with him, the members of the First church became convinced that he was a man of strong faith in God. That conviction was increased as the years went by. Whatever troubles were his, no word

of complaint escaped his lips. He believed that God did all things well and what he knew not now he would know hereafter. When blindness came upon him, he spoke calmly of his exclusion from the light, and when no one was present he was often heard to sing: "Lead kindly light, amid the encircling gloom." When the paralyzing hand of sickness came upon him and the power of language almost entirely failed, he was heard to whisper, "Underneath are the everlasting arms."

Our beloved brother was a faithful and most valuable member and officer of the church and Sunday school. Always in his place when health would permit, he was ever ready to strengthen the hands of his pastor, and to assist by his advice and counsel, his brother deacons in the discharge of their duties.

In view of the excellencies of Deacon Parker's character and the value of his services as a church officer,

Therefore Resolved: That the deacons and members of the First Baptist church hereby ex-

press their high appreciation of the life and usefulness of Deacon Parker, their deep sense of the great loss they have sustained by his death, and their desire to cherish lovingly his memory and to follow his example

Resolved further: That a copy of this resolution be sent to his family, recorded in the minutes of the church and published in CHURCH LIFE.

GEORGE GREENLEAF POPE.

George Greenleaf Pope was born in New Bedford, Mass., September 6, 1825, and died in Chicago, September 13, 1906. As a boy of twelve years of age he went with his parents to Michigan, and in 1846 was married there to Miss Edwina R. Evans. A son, the only surviving child of this marriage, Charles E. Pope, is a well known attorney in Chicago. After his wife's death, which took place in 1849, Mr. Pope went in 1850, to San Francisco, Cal., where he remained six years. But in 1858 he took up his abode in Chicago, where he has lived for nearly fifty years. In 1862 he was married to Susan J. Peirce, and two sons, Henry P. and George J., and a daughter, Susan (now Mrs. George W. Tracy), survive him. All of his children live in or near Chicago, and have ministered to their father in his old age and last illness.

Mr. Pope was converted during the revival in 1857, and united with the William Street Baptist church in New Bedford, Mass. On coming to Chicago he and his wife joined the First Baptist church, of which he was a member until his death. For some years he served as one of the deacons and his wife had charge of the junior primary department for many years until her death in 1897. In her memory Mr. Pope left a legacy to this department of the Sunday school, the income to be used for its work. Mr. Pope was engaged in active business until 1904, and formed the firm of George G. Pope & Co., wholesale coal dealers, in 1878, which still exists.

In the many relations of life he was a loving husband, a kind father and a faithful friend. He leaves a precious memory to his children, kindred and many friends as an exemplary Christian gentleman than which there can be no better legacy. The funeral services were conducted by Dr. de Blois, his pastor, on Saturday afternoon, September 15, from his late residence on Calumet avenue, Chicago.

CHARLES CATTELL.

Charles Cattell died at City Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind., September 19th, as the result of a street car accident occurring earlier in the day. He was once a member of the First Baptist church in Chicago.

JOSEPH ALBERT CONRO.

Joseph Albert Conro, the only son of Mrs. R. F. Bennett, died in Chicago, Saturday afternoon, September 15, 1906, at the residence of his mother, 4327 Indiana avenue. He was born in San Francisco, September 11, 1875. With his mother and sister he went to Elgin in 1880. He was a graduate of the academy and was the

valedictorian of his class. He removed to Chicago about six years ago. About a year ago his health began to fail. Though he made a brave fight for life, the disease overcame him and at last carried him away in the prime of youthful manhood. More than three months before his death he was converted to the Christian life and was received for membership in the First Baptist church of Chicago. His mother and sister, Mrs. F. C. Milhuff, survive him. The funeral services were held from his late residence Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, and were conducted by his uncle, Rev. D. B. Cheney, Terre Haute, Ind., and Rev. A. K. de Blois, of the First church, Chicago.

He made absolute preparation for every detail of the funeral service, selecting his pall bearers from his college fraternity. The hymns he selected, "Jesus I my cross have taken," as expressive of his own thought and "Sweet Bye and Bye" as a family favorite were indicative of the calm, sweet courage which characterized his illness.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett:

If I could be present at the services which will be held in memory of your dear son, I should regard it as a very unusual privilege to tell my impressions derived from my frequent interviews with him during the last weeks. I should say, first of all, that I have never seen or heard of anyone approaching his death with such absolute and intelligent calmness. He seems more completely than anyone whom I have ever known, to have taken everything into account and to have adjusted his thought and feeling completely to the great facts of Christian faith.

Even before he had accepted it as a conclusion that he would not get well, he said repeatedly and with entire cheerfulness, "There are certain things for me to do, others for the physician, and the rest belongs to God. I shall do my part, the best I can, and shall not worry about consequences." Repeatedly he seemed to regret most of all his inability to do useful things any more. I remember telling him that I believed that while he was lying helpless he was really, through his cheerful and intelligent hopefulness, doing more good to others than he had been able to in any period of his life. I added that he had done me a great deal of good in my visits to him. This seemed to surprise him and to gratify him very much. After he knew that he could not recover he seemed just as calm and courageous as before.

He said to me, "I have tried to do my part toward recovery, but if it is not coming out as I wished, it is all right. I am not at all afraid to die, though I should like to have an opportunity to do many good things." He seemed interested in the suggestion that in all probability he would have large opportunities for usefulness elsewhere.

When the time comes that I am near my own death, I could ask for nothing better than that I may approach it with the same calm, cheerful and intelligent courage that Joe has had during these weeks and especially during the last few days. I have never known of a case where one's friends could more cheerfully and confidently speak of him than in his case. Nothing has happened to him to surprise or take him un-

wares. He has anticipated it all and we can almost feel that he is with us yet, entering into our sympathetic talk about him and his hopes and belief. Sincerely yours, NATHANIEL BUTLER.

The funeral of Mr. W. H. Smith, Sr., was held at his late home, 3133 Groveland, on October 6th. Mr. Embree conducted the service.



RALLY WEEK.

GUILD RALLY.

On Monday evening about seventy-five young women gathered in the lecture room for a pleasant social hour preceding the supper hour. Although a number of the young women were meeting with the Guild for the first time, there was no feeling of strangeness and when the grand march was formed toward the supper table there was such a general mixup of old friends and new friends that no one could tell which was which. The parlor presented quite an oriental appearance. The table in a large open square with the guests seated on the outside of the square were prettily decorated and the ample feast was followed by an exceedingly interesting program. The presence of the ladies' quartet of the Baptist Missionary Training school added much to the pleasure of the evening and Miss Florence Huskey and the Misses Gale cleverly entertained the young ladies. Dr. de Blois spoke words of encouragement and inspiration. After some discussion the Guild voted to undertake the work of beautifying Raymond Chapel and a committee consisting of Miss Lillian Henderson, Miss Elizabeth Lingle, Miss Helen Pickett and Miss Van Fleet was appointed to perfect plans for this work. After this enthusiastic opening the Guild looks forward to a most earnest year's work.

MEN'S LEAGUE RALLY.

On Tuesday evening, October 9th, the Men's League held a rally and social evening.

President Trude was very pleased to note a large attendance, and also the great interest thus shown in the League and its work.

Owing to the fact that the committees are not yet made up, owing to the president's time being much taken up with business matters, it was feared the program might suffer, but President Trude immediately set wheels in motion and the result was a most interesting and enjoyable program, as proved by the hearty applause and appreciation.

Mr. Harry Olson, one of our efficient assistants in the state's attorney's office, explained to us some of the intricacies of the laws in courts and why some trials dragged so. He urged the municipal courts as a remedy for the delays now so prevalent in the justice shops, and with some new legislation with regard to certain laws. The municipal courts are to take the place of the justice shops. He talked most interestingly and understandingly of his subject.

At this point Mr. Trude introduced two of our more youthful neighbors—Miss Rogers, who played two solos on the piano most acceptably, and showing that some day she will be quite proficient as a pianist, and Miss Marion Barry, who played on the violin so excellently—and both

of whose musical ability was much appreciated by all, as was evidenced by the hearty applause of those present.

Then came before us a gentleman whose heart is wrapped up in Bible class work and who discussed his topic, "The Administration of Bible Classes," so practically and ably that a great deal of enthusiasm was stirred up for the Bible classes. This was Mr. W. A. Huyck, and he urged athletics as a means of interesting people to come in, especially among the men and boys, illustrating with incidents.

Mr. Galatto charmed all by his splendid rendition of two beautiful solos on the violin and mandolin, one of which was the "Ava Maria" from Cavalleria Rusticana, and is so ever popular to all lovers of good music and was so beautifully rendered. Both solos were heartily encored.

A young gentleman with a splendid tenor voice then sang with fine effect two fine solos, being most heartily encored.

With an extemporaneous talk upon miscellaneous subjects, Mr. James Barber, also an assistant state's attorney in the same office as Mr. Olson, entertained us very interestingly for some minutes and proved himself a very entertaining talker.

This closed a most enjoyable evening and successful rally for the Men's League.

It is pleasing and encouraging to note the most enthusiastic interest shown in the Men's League, and we hope the interest will keep up right along and thus insure still another year of success to the League. Our motto is, "Success for the League."

Double quartet: First tenors, Mr. Kennan and Dr. Dillingham; second tenors, Dr. W. H. Gale and Mr. Harry Vallette; first bass, Dr. Baldwin and Mr. Fred Allen; second bass, Mr. C. M. Clarke and Mr. Robert Leland.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY.

The great rally of the week took place on Wednesday evening, when the lecture room was crowded. The speaker of the evening was Mr. W. C. Pearce. His address was full of inspiration for workers in every department of the Sunday school. As a result of this rally it is hoped that many will offer themselves as teachers.

THE FIDELITY RALLY.

A happy company of girls gathered in the church parlor on Thursday evening of Rally Week, for the rally of the Girls' Fidelity. This organization is the youngest of all the societies of our church, but by no means the least enthusiastic and helpful. This rally evening was

spent in progressive games, which gave every girl a chance to get acquainted with every other girl in the course of the evening. During the refreshment hour some clever conundrums were brought forth from the tiny envelopes which were the name-bearers of the evening.

When the girls adjourned at a reasonably early hour every one voted the Fidelity rally a great success and thoroughly appreciated the efforts of the committee which planned the evening.

C. E. RALLY.

On the evening of October 12th we had our annual fall rally. Program and social hour afterward were enjoyed by about fifty. Miss Florence Huskey endeavored to inspire into the members a love for deeper spiritual life by a consecrated talk on our pledge. Mr. S. B. Pinney gave us a helpful presentation of the missionary side of C. E. life. Vocal and violin solos added to the attractiveness of the program.

WEDDINGS.

CLARK-COLBERG.

On Thursday, the 19th of September, Miss Alice E. Colberg, daughter of Mrs. Henry C. Colberg of Groveland avenue, was married to Mr. Donald J. Clark. The wedding took place at the home of the bride, whose mother is a member of the First Baptist church. Dr. de Blois performed the ceremony.

WHEATON-REMMERT.

On the evening of the same day the 19th of September, Miss Daisy Remmert, daughter of Mrs. Fred Remmert was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas R. Wheaton. The bride and groom have often been present at our Sunday evening services. They will reside in this vicinity.

REMIER-ALLISON.

On the evening of Wednesday the 26th of September, in the auditorium of the First Baptist church, occurred the wedding of Miss Celia M. Allison and Mr. Jersey F. Remier. Mrs. Remier is the daughter of Mrs. Allison of 2926 Shields avenue, and both she and her mother are members of our church. Mr. Remier united with the church by baptism about two years ago. Both bride and groom are well known and much beloved in our church. The ceremony was performed by the pastor.

FRANKS-COULSON.

Another marriage of one of our members, Miss Martha Coulson, took place on the 29th of September at the home of the bride, Dr. de Blois officiating. The groom is Mr. David B. Franks. Mr. and Mrs. Franks will take up their residence in our vicinity and we hope to see them frequently.

LINCOLN-DEMME.

On September 29th Miss Mabel Demmer of Aurora was married to Mr. Fred Lincoln of Nunda. The ceremony took place at the home of Dr. de Blois, 3319 Calumet avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln will reside in Aurora.

SCHMUCK-MASON.

On the 4th of October Dr. de Blois married two of the best known and most faithful of the young members of our church, Miss Laura Mason and Mr. John H. Schmuck. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's sister on 64th Place. Both in the work of our church and of Raymond Chapel, Mr. and Mrs. Schmuck have been active and efficient.

HAMMET-BROWN.

On Saturday evening, October 13th, Miss Elsie P. Brown of Mechanicsburg, Ill., was married at the residence of Dr. de Blois to Mr. William J. Hammet of Chicago.

OUR INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

The Industrial School at Raymond Chapel opened last Saturday morning under the direction of Mrs. A. S. Jones. The attendance, both of children and teachers, was smaller than last year, but it is confidently expected that as soon as it is well understood that the school is again open there will be a large number of children. Would it not be a fine thing if the workers in this school could as confidently expect a good supply of teachers and helpers as the number of children increases?

This is an opportunity for real missionary service. Many of the children who come to us on Saturday mornings come from homes where they are given neither religious nor industrial training, and if they are not with us on Saturday they are apt to be upon the street, learning something which is the opposite of religious or industrial. Furthermore, many of these children would not be allowed to come to us Sunday because of church prejudice, but, coming to us Saturday for the instruction in sewing, learn to love the religious songs and to accept the religious truths, as well as to follow the example of courtesy, cleanliness and gentleness set by the teachers and the pupils who have already learned some of these things at home.

The Raymond Industrial School needs teachers, a secretary, a pianist, a leader of the singing, and other workers. Will not someone who reads this be moved to make the sacrifice of time and strength and money and join in this work from ten until twelve o'clock on Saturday morning? Mrs. Jones or Miss Van Fleet would be glad to have the names of any who can go.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.

ADDITIONS.

By Baptism—Thomas W. Foreman, 3138 South Park avenue; D. H. Pennington, 3036 Groveland avenue.

By Letter—Miss Harriet A. Rogers, 4319 Berkely avenue.

By Experience—Wm. M. Demont, 2952 South Park avenue.

DIMINUTIONS.

By Letter—Chas. F. Freleigh, Mrs. C. F. Freleigh, Miss Vera F. Holmes, Wm. J. Waterman, Arthur J. Cole.

By Death—George G. Pope, R. S. Parker.

THE CHURCH AT WORK.

Sunday School.

BY WEBSTER TOMLINSON.

On August 19th, the Primary Department had an attendance of 57 and the Intermediate Department of 65 making a total of 122. August 26th the attendance was 206 and September 2nd, 146. In searching through the records one has to go back as far as July, 1895, to find attendance records as low as these, in which year the attendance for the 3rd and 4th Sundays of July were 141 and 145 respectively. On the other hand the attendance for June 10th of 1906 was 667, which was the largest attendance since December, 1899, when 718 were present. So this year will doubtless hold the record for having the lowest attendance in the last eleven years and the largest attendance in the last seven years.

In the matter of individual attendance records the writer has come across some remarkably good ones. Suzette Carroll, daughter of Mr. Alfred Carroll, is a member of Class 1 in the Primary Department, and on August 19th, she completed her 208th consecutive Sunday, or 4 years, present and early every session. This is truly a praiseworthy record.

Another faithful scholar is Henry Meigs Dunn, who is now assisting in the Library, and who claims to have been present seven years without absence. The Secretary's records, however, show *one* absence during this time, but as his parents as well as his teacher are certain that he never was absent the class record must be in error. We would call attention of the teachers to the care which they ought to exercise in keeping the records perfect, as will be seen by the injustice which would be done to a faithful scholar like the above, in having a single absence recorded when it ought not to have been.

Still one other good record is that of Mrs. Lucy Ancel, who lives at 2813 Dearborn street. She is a member of Deacon Ahren's Bible Class A. "Aunt," as some of the officers have come to know her, has missed only one Sunday, and that about five years ago, previous to which time she attended regularly, without a single absence, for several years. She has a very interesting history, having been a slave in 'ole Virginia." She was raised a day's walk this side of Richmond. Before the war she came with her "family," the Ancels, to Kansas City, Mo., where Mr. Ancel, her master—whose name she took—died before the war. She was freed in Missouri and came to Chicago Christmas eve in 1886, where she had a son then living. Out of a family of four sons and one daughter, the daughter alone remains to be her support. For twenty years Mrs. Ancel has attended our Sunday school and church regularly and can be found sitting in the northeast corner of the gallery at the Sunday morning services.

We do not believe that prompt and regular attendance makes a perfect Sunday school, but it goes a long way towards it, and therefore notice has been made of these good records. The new badges to be given in recognition of good

attendance will be ready for distribution on Rally day, and a list of those entitled to them will be given next month.

In the death of our beloved Brother Deacon R. S. Parker, the Sunday school has lost one of its most faithful and loyal workers. Just fifty years ago he came to Chicago from New England and soon after became a member of this church. Very many will remember always his cordial welcome and handshake as he stood for years at the entrance to the Sunday school room. Still more recently will he be recalled by the younger members for his interest in "Flower Day," when packages of seeds are distributed to the scholars. Thus will his memory live and blossom each year in our school. Memorial resolutions have been ordered spread on the records of our Sunday school, and our sympathy goes out to his family. His sister, Mrs. J. E. Gillette, has long been a teacher in our school.

Secretary H.H. Solt's report for the Third Quarter shows an average attendance of 271, as against 282 for the corresponding period last year. A decrease of eight.

While the attendance was less the collections amounted to an average of \$5.34 as against \$4.74 in 1905, an increase of 60 cents a Sunday.

Dr. Frank W. Gale's report as Secretary of Primary Department for the Second Quarter also shows a smaller attendance than last year for the same period. However, from Rally day on we are looking for better things in both departments.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Out of forty-two who were in the "Graduating Class" of the Primary Department at the beginning of the school year last fall, just one-half, or twenty-one, will receive diplomas. This is not due so much to the failure of the scholars to do the required work as to the scholars dropping out of the school for one reason or another. The changing character of the neighborhood—the long summer vacation and in many instances the changing or absence of teachers until the classes become disorganized.

List of Graduates from Primary to Intermediate Department—Class of 1906:

Miss Young's Class: Anna Benjamin, Suzette Carroll, Hattie Meissner, Viola Jones.

Miss White's Class: Lula Drake, Ruth Johnson, Frances McKinney, Pearl Donahue, Mildred Hamlin, Edna Walters, Cornelia Buehlow, Dorothy Mason, Maude Ayers.

Mrs. Hamlin's Class: George Flint, Joseph Hunter, Clarence Donahue, Lester Edwards, Samuel Tilden, Horace Follette, Rich Thomas, Leon Strandberg.

The Primary needs at once five more teachers. Miss Ida Witte, who has been teaching one of the graduating classes, has found it necessary to give up the work, but will come occasionally as a substitute.

Miss Mary Cressey of the Training School has taken Class 8. We welcome her to the work.

Miss Ethel Hoops is now one of the Assistants in the Junior Primary, of which Mrs. A. E. Thomas has charge. Twelve from this department will graduate and be promoted to the Primary classes.

We are glad that Dr. Lumley, who has been in the hospital after an operation, has recovered. Miss Catherine Marshall will be the pianist in the Junior Primary Department hereafter, and Miss Gertrude Wilken will preside at the piano of the Junior Primary Department. By the way, the "Infant Class" is now excellently equipped with officers—the only lack is scholars. We ought to have twice as many.

The Cradle Roll is growing—Dwight Edward Green of Jacksonville, Ill., born November 12, 1905, has been added to the "non-resident" list. We are expecting the name of another applicant to this list—that of the second son of Mrs. Grace Neal Mills of Wagoner, Indian Territory.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. J. H. Jackman, one of our teachers, has given up her class. We are sorry to lose her, and also Miss Stella Lyman, who has been faithful for years. Miss Leonard will take the latter's class.

Miss Laidlaw has given up the Guild Class, which is at present combined with the Normal Training Class and both are being taught by Miss Van Fleet.

We want teachers—we want teachers—we want teachers!

Just think of it! There are twenty-two vacant spaces for classes in our Intermediate Department.

We want teachers

If we had those twenty-two vacant places supplied with the right kind of teachers we would soon have the scholars to fill the chairs. The teachers we now have are faithful and excellent, but we want more of them.

We want teachers

At Armour Mission last Sunday over twenty new teachers came ready to take classes—the result of Dr. Gunsaulus' sermon. We have just as good material in our church and it ought to be actively at work in the Sunday school, training up the future members of the church.

HOME DEPARTMENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

By R. R. KENNAN, SUPT.

The Home Department of our Sunday school has not seen any radical changes during the last quarter. On account of the summer season, little was attempted in the way of visitation to increase the list of members. Despite the absence of many from the city, the reports from members averaged well with the previous quarter, but we hope that now the autumn has come, there will be a rally to this important work and a regularity of reports such as the department has never had before. Many of the members have expressed their appreciation and enjoyment of the department and the study provided, and the good resulting from this regular home study of a systematic course Bible lessons cannot be estimated.

We want everyone in the church and community, not already identified with the Sunday school in some other way, to become a member of the Home Department. It only costs a half hour a week of Bible study, and no Christian can expect to live a real Christian life with less than that! While no man or woman in a Christian land can afford to pay less attention to the Book which is the text-book of Christendom.

We are much in need of more Visitors for this department, both for visitation in increasing the list of members and in caring for classes. Who will volunteer? Anyone wishing to join the department or to help in the work of visitation will confer a favor on the superintendent by writing or speaking to him about it.

Below is given the report of the department for the quarter ending September 30, 1906:

Number of members on list at beginning of quarter	139
Number of members secured during quarter	8
Lost by removal	5
Lost by death	1
Lost by resignation	3
Lost by entering main school	2
Total lost	11
Number of members now enrolled	136
Number of members reported	53
Number of visits to main school	3
Number who studied every lesson	28
Whole number of lessons studied	530
Amount contributed	\$16.27
Expenses, including \$10 paid to Sunday School Treasurer	15.63

WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE.

MRS. S. B. LINGLE.

The call to the first fall meeting of the Circle on October 12th was responded to by sixty ladies. It was a pleasure to have Mrs. Logan, so long kept from us by ill health, again present.

Tender mention was made of those who have passed beyond these shadows since we last met, and expressions of sympathy were sent by the Circle to the families of Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Ranney, Mr. Pope and Mr. Parker, and to Mrs. Bennett in the loss of her son.

The Circle being entitled to three life memberships in the Woman's Home Missionary Society, voted to choose Mrs. G. E. Day, Mrs. J. B. King, Miss Margaret Van Fleet. Mrs. R. B. Bennett was made a life member of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

The program of the afternoon was upon Africa. Mrs. Googins by the use of a series of maps gave a clear idea of the geography of this great continent and its divisions, politically, racially and religiously.

The desolation wrought through the centuries by the slave trade was described, and Mrs. Wigney gave a thorough and interesting account of Mohammedanism and its devotees.

Miss Caroline Kirkland's bright description of her journey on the railroad through Central Africa to Victoria Nyanza was given by Miss Van Fleet.

Mrs. Gillette closed the program with extracts from an address by Africa's veteran missionary, Bishop Hartsell.

We regret the loss of the efficient chairman of

our Home Missionary Box Committee, but are grateful that Mrs. Clifford Williams will assume this responsibility.

Any one who will contribute articles suitable to send to a missionary family on the frontier will please send them to the church, marked for this purpose, that the box may be prepared at once.

Our treasurer reports our contributions to Home and Foreign Missions much smaller for this first six months of our year than at a corresponding time last year.

The program on November 9th will be work among the Jews.

THE LORIMER BARACA.

Perhaps some of you are not acquainted with this name in full; but we have changed our name from the "Lorimer Bible Class" to the Lorimer Baraca. The latter half of the name shows our membership in the Baraca movement, which is an international organization of Bible classes for young men. We joined them last winter. Now we realize that we are not the only class of young men organized for Bible study, but that there are hundreds of others of many denominations that also meet every Sunday to learn more of Jesus Christ and to help each other to make our lives count for something good in the world.

On Sunday, September 23rd Mr. Pienkowsky, the regular teacher, was back to teach us for the first time since his summer vacation. We had the largest attendance that Sunday that we have had since he has been our instructor. There were fourteen young men present, besides Mr. Pienkowsky and his assistant. Still during the summer with all its hot weather, the attendance kept up well, reaching as high as nine and ten. And now, on September 30th, our attendance has crept up to about the twenty mark. We are growing a bit!

We have begun our fall campaign. We mean business! Our committees are getting down to work and are doing fine work. We intend to build up our class and reach as many young men as possible. Will not every member of the church help us to reach more than we have so far. If you know of any young man over 18 years of age invite him to our class and then give us his name and address that we may look him up and get acquainted.

We expect to have good times together this fall and winter. Our athletic committee has arranged it so that we can play basket ball in the lot south of the church while open weather lasts. What we need is a barn or store which we can fit up for gymnasium purposes. If any can advise us where such a place can be found, do so, and we will be grateful to you. We ought to have a fine basket ball team this winter. We may be able also to organize an indoor baseball team.

We intend to cultivate our social instincts as well, and accordingly have a banquet and some pleasant social evenings on the way.

THE JUNIOR CHURCH.

Mr. Kennan and Miss Van Fleet met with a number of the children of intermediate age last Sunday to discuss the feasibility of holding a church service for the boys and girls each Sunday afternoon. The plan, which includes a partial church organization among the boys and girls and some training for future service as members of the church, seemed to meet with a hearty response from those present, and committees were formed to help perfect details of organization, form a choir, and select ushers.

This service will be intended mainly for boys and girls between the ages of ten and seventeen and will be made as helpful in a spiritual way to the children as is possible.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

During the month of September our Christian Endeavor society has taken a great start on this year's work. The attendance has returned to the average of 25 to 30 at each meeting. The spirit shown by the different members in the efforts they are putting forth promises much, in practical results, for the work of the society.

We have had one new member this month, Mr. Wm. Demont, and the Lookout Committee reports two more applications. There is a fine opportunity for some splendid personal "Lookout" work on the part of each of our members.

MISSIONARY.

Mr. S. B. Pinney, from Moody Bible Institute, gave a very earnest and helpful talk on Missionary consecration to the small number who braved the stormy weather the evening of September 28th. Owing to the slight attendance, the taking of our yearly missionary pledges was postponed. We earnestly request each of our members to consider this matter prayerfully, and come prepared to subscribe generously for the support of Dr. Walter Rittenhouse, Naminham, Burma, at the next meeting. Missionary interest and missionary giving in our society has fallen to a very low ebb. It is imperative, Endeavorers, that each of us takes this fact right to his own heart and does his share to help.

The subject of the next meeting, October 26th, will be "Christian Stewardship." The Committee is carefully planning as exhaustive and interesting a treatment of the subject as the time of presentation will allow. All members of our church and congregation as well as of the society are urged to attend and help make the meeting a success by their presence. You are promised an instructive and helpful exposition of a much neglected and misunderstood subject.

The society deeply regrets that Miss Frances Huskey found that other duties required her resignation as chairman of the Social Committee. She is succeeded by Miss Blanche Pickett.

INTERMEDIATE.

The Intermediate Society now has an attendance equaling if not greater than that of the Senior. The meetings are well planned and the society is in better condition now than it has been for years.



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Have you a seat in the church?

Mrs. Baird, 3354 Rhodes avenue, is still sick.

Where are the members of our church Sunday nights?

Mrs. Blackman has been quite ill, but is improving slowly.

It was a pleasure to hear Mrs. Branch tell of her recent visit to Northfield.

Mrs. McElroy has been very sick for several weeks but is now improving.

Mrs. Bilton is confined to her bed, but hopes soon to be able to come out again.

Mrs. A. S. Jones anticipates a trip to Cleveland to attend the wedding of her niece.

Have you weekly envelopes? If not the treasurer is at the pulpit at the close of all services and will supply you.

Have you been to prayer meeting lately? If not, come, come early because for the past three weeks extra chairs were necessary.

Dr. and Mrs. Kelly, who brought letters to our church from Millard Avenue Baptist church quite recently, are already in active service in our Sunday school.

Master William Brayfish a member of our Sunday school has been ill for several weeks but hopes to be able to attend the school regularly again soon.

Our Sunday morning service commences at

"eleven o'clock," evening service "seven forty-five." Prayer meeting Wednesday "seven forty-five." Easy to remember? Well, you remember. Our treasurer's name is Mr. R. B. Twiss.

If you were not at Sunday school Sunday, October 14th, you missed a great event in seeing the presentation of stars for early and faithful attendance. Our old brothers and sisters put us younger members to shame. Let us do better. The Sunday school is for all, none too old.

We are glad to welcome as temporary members of our congregation the Misses Hanna, who are Baptist young women from Little Rock. Also Miss Beach of the Pontiac, Mich., Baptist church, who will teach in our Sunday school during her course of study in the Kindergarten College.

If you read this and have not paid the pledge which you so kindly made some time before vacation, may we not ask that you now seek, if possible this very week, to pay that obligation?

NOTES.

You are invited to attend a reception to be held at the Baptist Orphanage in Maywood on October 23rd. We should all be interested in this worthy enterprise.

A WIDE INFLUENCE.

Recently a newspaper syndicate, representing several hundred newspapers and with headquarters at New York, published a series of articles in its papers on Denominational leaders, accompanied by portraits and biographical sketches. It is interesting to know that our pastor was one of the seven chosen as representatives of the Baptists, the others being Dr. Broughton of Georgia, Russell H. Conwell of Philadelphia, Kerr Boyce Tupper, (Dr. Lorimer's successor) of New York, Cortland Myers of Brooklyn and Dr. Henson and Dr. A. C. Dixon of Boston.

Few of our members perhaps realize fully Dr. de Blois' position of leadership, they not being very closely identified with the general life of the denomination. We have taken some pains to find out, and we notice that he was Moderator of the Chicago Association during the past year, and that he is President of the Chicago Baptist Orphanage and Vice President of the Chicago Baptist Hospital. He has been for years a member of the Executive Board controlling Y. M. C. A. work throughout the State of Illinois. He is on the Executive Committee of the City Mission Society, a member of the State Mission Board, a Director of the Chicago Tract Society, and also of the Chicago Baptist Social Union. He is a Trustee of Shurtleff college and of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. Two years ago he was elected a Manager of the American Baptist Missionary Union and is a member of the Examining Board of the Union. Quite recently he was elected one of the Examiners of the Newton Theological Institution, Massachusetts. Hitherto no Examiner has been chosen outside of New England. Dr. de Blois is teacher of Christian Doctrine in the Training School. He is American correspondent of the London Times and Freeman, and every year he reviews scores of books for current periodicals.

A Special Report.

Mr. Bowman Lingle, Treasurer of Raymond Mission, reports that the total receipts from Oct. 1, 1905 to Sept. 30, 1906 were....\$1,006.01
Total disbursements 1,132.23

Deficit\$ 126.22

Also that the amounts needed for this year

are:

Pastor's Salary\$ 800.00
Janitor's Salary, Gas and Coal..... 300.00
Paving assessment 300.00
Sundries, repairs, etc..... 150.00

Total\$1,500.00

By means of private subscriptions and money furnished by the Ladies' Aid of Raymond, part of the basement has been finished and is in use.

The chairman of the mission committee is also making much needed improvements in the front entrance at her own expense.

Mr. Embree reports that ten from Raymond have been baptized and two received by letter during the last year.

The work at Raymond has never offered the opportunity for a larger service which is now presented and it is hoped that a hearty response will be made to this appeal.

The Work at Raymond.

Mrs. Monroe has presented the Ladies' Aid with an excellent sewing table.

The ladies have added another sewing machine to their equipment. It is the gift of Mrs. Wierman.

Mr. Rader has been on the sick list for several weeks.

We are pleased to report Fred Hackendahl's progress toward complete recovery and hope to see him with us again soon.

Miss Reeder has organized her large class of young ladies. At the first meeting the following officers were elected:

President—Sarah Hutchinson.

Vice-President—Leona Wadie.

Secretary—Mabel Turck.

Assistant Secretary—Elsie Wierman.

Treasurer—Lelia Minnich.

Tract Committee—Freda Nystrom, chairman; Minnie Wolf, assistant; Bessie Hamilton, assistant.

Visiting Committee—Lelia Minnich, chairman; Viola Gunderson, assistant.

Music Committee—Belle Christerson, chairman; Etta Webb, Eva McIntyre, Viola Gunderson, assistants.

Social Committee—Minnie Wolf, chairman; Carrie Maier, Hazel Wadie.

Our class prayer, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

Class motto, "Lord, use me."

Class song, "A Clean Heart." (362.)

Decision of each member, "Here am I, send me."

Our object, "To sink out of self into Christ."

Our name, "Sunshine Scatterers."

Mrs. Gilmore is the happy mother of another boy baby.

Mrs. Cromb has given another machine to the Ladies' Aid.

Mr. Harry Williamson is making a great success as Sunday School Superintendent at the new Washington Park Baptist church. They have a flourishing school of two hundred.

The following scholars of our Sunday school have received Testaments for regular attendance:

In Class No. 1, Mrs. Chas. Edling, Mrs. F. H. Hackendahl.

In Class No. 13, Ida Rader, Alma Kapal, Ruth Edling, Lizzie Lang.

In Class No. 16, Madeline Bender, Louisa Bender.

In Class No. 22, Willie Siebert.

In Class No. 32, Elmar Anderson, Irene Pierce, Margaret Wienmann in Class No. 13, will receive one next Sunday. Others will follow when they have attended fifteen consecutive Sundays. The number of Testaments is unlimited and are awaiting the deserving ones.

Men's League.

FRANK W. GALE, DEPT. EDITOR.

"Very encouraging" is the remark heard on all sides in regard to start and outlook of the Men's League for the coming year.

At the annual meeting for the election of officers there was a fine attendance and the following were placed in office:

Mr. A. S. Trude, president; Mr. J. P. Ahrens and Mr. J. S. McCullough, vice presidents; Dr. Frank W. Gale, secretary; Mr. A. C. Bass, treasurer.

The Bible Class, again under the able leadership of Dr. de Blois, our pastor, is progressing with a very bright outlook and with a splendid attendance.

On the first two Sundays there has been an

attendance of thirty-four and thirty-six respectively. A fine start. We want to fill the room.

As yet the committee chairmen have not been appointed, but will be in the very near future when the work will start in earnest. We hope to have an unusually successful year and the outlook to that end is unusually bright. A double quartet has been formed and will doubtless be a fine addition to the League and there will be no lack of good music.

Let every man put his shoulder to the wheel and push with all his might for the success of the League and success will surely come. The League needs every man. Join now and help on the good work.

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CHICAGO BAPTIST NEWS.

CHICAGO ASSOCIATION.

The Standard has published the following summary of facts concerning the association:

Seventy-six churches report by letter this year as against seventy-three last year. Immanuel church leads in membership, reporting 2,001. Campton brings up the rear with five resident members "holding the fort" waiting for reinforcements. Warrenville has no more. Fourteen churches report "no pastor," the largest number for many years, while there are twenty-seven ordained ministers in the membership of the Hyde Park church and eighteen in Immanuel. When the statistics from all the churches are completely tabulated they will show a gain of membership of about 3 per cent on the total of last year. The reports show that in many churches there is room for great improvement in the keeping of membership and financial records. Bloomingdale and Crawford are no longer in existence. Lake View has become a branch of Belden Avenue, and Englewood-on-the-Hill is now Ogden Park church. The reported membership is 21,428. Amount expended for home uses, \$81,872.81, and in beneficence, \$60,382.95, each showing a very encouraging increase in reports of last year.

CHICAGO ASSOCIATION CHURCH NEWS.

From Letters and Statistics.

Berwyn—The chief event of the year was the dedication of our new house of worship on June 3rd, the seventh anniversary of the present pastorate. It has been a strenuous year financially, locally, and also the benevolences have been nearly doubled. There have been 13 baptisms. The Association is invited to hold its meetings here next year.

Auburn Park—No apparent progress can be reported. Hindrances and indifference have been present to thwart effort put forth. The church is pastorless at present, but soon hopes to have a leader. There have been 6 baptisms.

Austin—Congregations have been good, with room for others. The Sunday School has been flourishing with a large men's class. Baptisms, 30.

Bethany—Earnest gospel preaching has been enjoyed, but the pleasures of the world have a mighty hold on many here. Baptisms, 3.

Bethel—The change of pastors during the year is reported. Spiritual, financial and general interest are encouraging. The church debt has been pledged in full, the last payment to be made Jan. 1907. Baptisms, 14.

Calvary—Special meetings were held last spring before Pastor Swift's resignation, and 49 baptisms are reported. We have enjoyed good supplies and soon hope to have another under shepherd.

Centennial—Substantial progress is reported both in payment of church debt, and increase of benevolences through the system of weekly offerings. Baptisms, 17.

Covenant—Few years of our history have been more eventful than the past. Extensive improvements costing double the first estimate have been made. Rev. Mr. Beeman declined the call to be Dr. Burlingame's successor, but we are confident that God has a chosen servant for our leader. Baptisms, 22.

Englewood—The year has been one of great activity and steady progress. There have been 85 baptisms. Present membership, 1,356. The evening congregations have been large, frequently crowding the house. The Sunday school has averaged 821, the largest in its history. Baptistry and choir loft have been remodelled. Adjoining property has been purchased and will be used for Sunday school and social purposes.

First—The new Raymond chapel was dedicated free of debt last Dec. A large industrial school is conducted there, and clubs for men and women. A new society, the Girl's Fidelity, has been organized. A Teacher's Training Class has been established. The church visitor made 1,600 calls, the district committee 2,000 more. Baptisms, 38. Present membership, 1,035.

Roseland—We have been without a pastor since July 1st, but all the regular services of the church have been well sustained. Baptisms, 6.

Fourth—We have had a good year; \$1,200 have been spent in improvements; the finances are in good condition; the auxiliary organizations are flourishing; the church roll has been revised, and 70 names have been erased; the benevolences have been increased. Much of our improved condition may be attributed to the energetic work of our pastor Bryce who closed his service with us Sept. 1st. Baptisms 16. Services are being regularly sustained. Dr. A. R. E. Wyant supplied us on Sept. 30 and Oct. 7th.

Galilee—The church has prospered spiritually and financially. New pews have been placed in the audience room. March 1st the 14th anniversary of Pastor Henshaw's relation with us was celebrated. Baptisms, 11.

Garfield Park—A year of triumphant progress is recorded. A new church edifice has been

dedicated free of debt through the gift of \$2,500 from the City and Home Mission Society. The 10th anniversary of our organization has just been celebrated. Rev. W. L. Clapp closed a pastorate of five years, and has been succeeded by Rev. W. J. Sly. Baptisms, 12.

Grace—There have been 5 baptisms, making a present membership of 182, after 10 erasures. Contributions for church expenses and improvements, \$3,156. The church is in a thriving condition and full of hopefulness.

Humboldt Park—After being pastorless for about three months, Rev. W. H. McLeod was called. Nine have been added by baptism. 325 are enrolled in the Sunday school.

Hyde Park—The church was glad to welcome the Association in its new church edifice. The religious life of the church has been deepened because of the dignified and worship-inspiring auditorium. Baptisms, 42; net gain, 56; present membership, 862.

Immanuel—The past year has been marked by unusual progress. In the matter of membership, the 2,000 mark has been passed. Baptisms, 184. Special emphasis has been laid on the work of the seven branches. Four assistant pastors and two missionaries have been employed. A commodious chapel has been erected for Branch No. 3 and \$5,000 have been paid on the church debt. Dr. Myers has been asked by the Home Mission Society to take the position of superintendent of Evangelism under the supervision of the society. He may take charge of this great work, but Chicago cannot afford to lose such an evangelist.

La Salle Ave.—The year just closed has been one of larger activity than for several years past. Baptisms, 39. Erasures and exclusions, 64, but the tangible membership has been increased.

Lexington Ave.—The entire church indebtedness has been provided for in pledges running for a term of five years. The weekly giving for benevolences has doubled the amount for missions. Baptisms, 13. Pastor Boynton has entered upon his tenth year.

Logan Square—An unusual year has been experienced. Baptisms, 35; net increase, 51.

Maplewood—The building has been painted and new lights and pews have been put in, and the new Sunday school room will soon be completed. Baptisms, 8.

Memorial—The church has been pastorless since Dr. Fuller's resignation, June 1st. A pipe organ costing \$6,500 has been installed and paid

for, and \$5,000 has been paid on the mortgage indebtedness. Baptisms, 12; net gain, 26.

Messiah—Baptisms, 2; net loss, 12; largely through removals to the suburbs; \$3,000 have been spent for church expenses and property improvements.

Millard Ave.—Baptisms, 4. Pastor Powell has just completed the second year of his pastorate.

Normal Park—Baptisms, 41. We expect to begin the erection of a new edifice this fall. The general outlook is most encouraging.

Pilgrim Temple—Baptisms, 14. All services have been well sustained. The church property is being improved.

Ravenswood—Baptisms, 7; net gain, 19. Current expenses have been met and church debt reduced.

Rogers Park—Baptisms, 13. Property valued at \$2,500 has been purchased and provided for. Benevolences have been increased.

Second—Baptisms, 56; present membership, 1352. Raised for church expenses, \$12,878. The Aunt Lizzie Aiken Memorial Institute has been founded. The year has been one of blessing.

Tabernacle—Baptisms, 28, by Dr. Geistweit before his resignation in April. Rev. L. B. Warren, of Texas, has accepted a call of the church. A good mission work is being done at 40th and Lake streets; where a new building has been erected.

Trinity—Baptisms, 2. The past year has been a difficult one. The favorable report is doubled benevolences.

Washington Park—Baptisms, 18. God has blessed us in every department. We are in a growing field,—400 flats are in process of erection, a 24 flat is being completed opposite our new church site. It is hoped to erect a new edifice the coming year.

Western Ave.—Baptisms, 5. Pastor McGee will now give full time to the work after his graduation from the Divinity School. During his vacation in September the pulpit was supplied for three Sundays by Rev. A. R. E. Wyant. The outlook for the coming year is most hopeful.

Windsor Park—Baptisms, 7. We have 43 absent and 77 resident members. Our section is looking up; 60 new houses erected within 10 minutes walk of the church. A new house of worship is needed.

Elgin, First—Baptisms, 54. Present membership, 1,283. Pastor Kirtley's sacred literature class increases in interest and numbers. Other departments are flourishing.

La Grange—Pastor Morris closes his work Sept. 30 to go to Ohio. Baptisms, 2.

Maywood—Baptisms, 6. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 145.

Morgan Park—The past year marks an epoch in our history. Dr. Wyant closed a successful pastorate of over 10 years, baptizing a large number in connection with the close of his work; having welcomed about 600 new members into this church during his ministry. Rev. W. E. Chalmers began his work here May 1st and the outlook is bright. Current expenses have been met, and building fund pledges amounting to \$1,000 have been paid. It is expected that two more years will witness the extinction of all property indebtedness.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.

The following officers have been elected for the ensuing six months:

President—Dr. J. S. Kirtley.

Vice President—Rev. J. M. Moore.

Secretary—Rev. A. H. Harnley.

Treasurer—Rev. F. L. Anderson.

Chairman of Committee on Arrangements—Dr. S. F. Ford.

Chairman of Committee on Introductions—Rev. D. C. Henshaw.

On September 24th Dr. Earl, the new pastor of Belden Avenue, preached an excellent sermon on "My Gospel" 2 Tim. 2:8, and satisfied even the most conservative brother as to his orthodoxy. On October 1st Dr. Powell read a very interesting sketch of the life of the great Welsh preacher, Christmas Evans.

MINISTERIAL VACATION EXPERIENCES AND PERSONAL NOTES.

Pastor Kirtly spent his vacation of six weeks visiting Yellowstone National Park and the Pacific Coast. He will give three stereopticon lectures entitled "A Journey Through Wonderland," in his church for the benefit of his people. During his absence he preached twice and lectured once.

Dr. Jackson spent his vacation of six weeks at Spring Lake at Dr. Hewitt's summer home, and supplied at Grand Rapids, his former charge.

Dr. Ford went East and preached two Sundays in Brooklyn and two in Boston, and was at Ocean Grove during the week.

Dr. Straton worked and played some during his vacation. He went on a lecture tour of three weeks and spent three weeks at Lake Geneva. He and Moore of the Centennial church caught 132 perch in one day. As to the weight he had nothing to say, remembering the story of the good old grandfather who was a great fisherman and had a pair of scales to weigh his fish. At the birth of one of his grandchildren, grandpa's scales were sent for, and it was found that the new baby weighed twenty-two pounds. After that Grandpa's fish stories were somewhat discredited.

Dr. D. B. Cheney of Terre Haute, Ind., was present at the Ministers' Conference recently and gave the following startling facts: He thought he was going into God's country when he went to Indiana, but he never saw such conditions as existed there. The last annual reports 58,000 members of Baptist churches in that state, 28,000 of whom are non-residents. In his association there are 1,800 members, 900 of whom are non-resident. He estimated that there are 1,000 non-resident Baptist church members in his city. Half the membership of the country churches are non-resident members in the city, and they are not only N. R. but also N. G. The salvation of the world awaits the fidelity of church members.

Rev. L. B. Warren, pastor of the First church, Beaumont, Texas, within the past year and a half has received 427 new members into his church, making the present membership 962, and seen an indebtedness of \$21,000 wiped out, every dollar of which came from the membership of the church. The Tabernacle church needs just such a man as they have found in him, and they have problems which he has already met.

Dr. Geistweit, recent pastor of the Tabernacle church, has accepted the important pastorate of the First church, Peoria, and will begin work there about November 1st. He will also continue as Editor of Service.

NEW PLANS.

The year opened most favorably at the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago on Sep. 6th, when nearly everyone of those, so fortunate as to have been accepted by the Board, were present. Owing to the limited accommodations, only 73 can be received, and that after three have been crushed into rooms where only two should be, and two have been put into single rooms; yet, in spite of all this crushing it has been necessary to turn away over twenty-five applicants this fall.

Under these conditions it is a cause for re-

joining that there is a prospect of a new building for another year.

A well located site 25 by 228 feet has been purchased at a cost of \$22,000.

A general financial secretary, together with a secretary from each state, all of whom render voluntary services, will have in charge the raising of the funds for the new building, which it is expected, with its equipment, will cost not than \$100,000.

Liberal things are expected of the Baptists, for this great work which is so vitally connected with their church and missionary interests.

All contributions should be sent to Mrs. A. H. Barber, Treasurer, 2411 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSION NOTES.

Let us take note of some cheering items of mission news, and with grateful hearts ask God's blessing upon our five young ladies just going out to their work—such consecrated, well-equipped young women devoting their lives to this service. In addition to these there are some returning to fields where their hearts have been while resting here. The Bulletin for September, published by our society of the district, gives the pictures and a paragraph regarding our new missionaries. Call at the rooms or send for copies for distribution. They will be found very helpful and instructive. A small sum for postage would be gladly received.

From the field comes a happy thankful letter always from Miss Buzzell, who does not know how to rest, another from Miss Mead for the new house for herself and Miss Pedderson. Dr. Bigby is rejoicing in her new hospital which so far has progressed without accident or injury to anyone, and will be such an honor to our work.

Money was voted for repairs or enlargement in several places, which will cheer the recipients and give renewed courage. Miss Long must have accommodation for thirty girls instead of twelve as at first intended. Miss Dessa at Origo receives \$100, and another \$100 goes to the Kiffora school, Africa, a field where 554 were baptized in 1905.

The Board has perfected plans now whereby it is expected the sisters, Miss Stella and Alta Ragon, will be together in their work. They go to Touregoo, Miss Alta going from Bassion where Miss Mitchell will take her work, and Miss Stella from the U. S.

Miss Kuhlen from the Phillipine Islands is resting in Japan at the home of Mrs. Fisher, while Miss Anna Johnson, her associate was obliged to return to Seattle but says she will never be happy 'til she can go back to her work.

Some new literature is being prepared, one

leaflet especially for young women's work entitled "I am but one, but I am one." A call for leaflets in German and Scandinavian is also to be met.

Our Chicago women must be told of the very great opportunity offered to attend the lectures given by Mrs. H. B. Montgomery on the book for uniform study called "The Island World." They will be given Oct. 29, 30, 31 in room 913 Masonic Temple. Single lectures 25 cents or the course of six for \$1.00.

Those who have heard her, say we cannot say too much in praise of them, and no one who can go, can afford to miss them.

1318 Masonic Temple.

H. F. T.

RECEPTION AT MORGAN PARK.

The Annual Reception for the Morgan Park Home for Children of Missionaries will occur at the Home October 9. Will friends remember that the occasion is Donation Day as well and liberal gifts of money and supplies will be appreciated by those in charge? Full notice of program will be published later.

CENTRAL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The annual corporation meeting of Central Baptist Orphanage will be held at the Orphanage in Maywood, Ill., on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 2 p. m., for the election of directors, and other business.

Reports of the orphanage work will be given; Dr. J. R. Straton will deliver an address; and exercises by the Children will be a part of the program.

Luncheon will be served by the ladies from 12 till 2 o'clock for the benefit of the Orphanage.

Donations of useful and fancy articles will be gratefully received. Articles for sale will be exhibited.

Churches should be mindful to appoint delegates to the corporation, the pastor and two delegates.

OUR HOMELESS BOYS.

In the home at the present time there are several homeless boys, waiting for good Christian homes. They are active, bright boys from 6 to 10 years of age. Some want to go on farms;—all hunger for a father's heart and a mother's love. Are there not some homes, having no boys, who will hear this appeal of these homeless boys, and write to us for a boy to cheer their home?

DONATIONS FOR THE ORPHANAGE.

In these days of gathering fruits, barrelling apples and potatoes and canning goods, remember that the Orphanage has good cellars to store

all such supplies to feed hungry children in the wintry days.

Get your boys to give a chicken, and have the boys make up a crate of fowls for the Orphanage.

Be sure to prepay expressage, and give the name and address of the sender, also at the same time writing a letter to "The Orphanage, Maywood, Ill.," telling all about it. Girls' circles should make up useful articles; and ladies' aids can suggest and do very much to enlist friends to get up a box for the Orphanage.

All "get busy" and send in all donations you can for the annual meeting.

An effort will likely be made to raise \$6,000 to pay off our last mortgage part of the purchase price. Pray about this, as it will require many gifts and some large sums and sacrifices.

JAMES P. THOMS, Sec'y.

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BAITING THE MINISTERS.

A certain type of the modern newspaper holds nothing too sacred to lay under tribute to the business department. They compass land and sea, invade every domain, exploit all human virtues and vices, explore and expose domestic and commercial scandals, trade and barter in reputations and characters, display in lurid ink and torrid phrase sin and crime, scour political and social life for sensational ventures, and all for the business department! And now for this same sordid end a newspaper in our city is baiting the ministers of the Gospel of the Son of God.

The preacher is taken up upon a high mountain and shown all the tours of the world. The Tempter says, "Declare yourself a candidate for one of these tours and get all of your deacons, deaconesses, Sunday school workers, the children and every personal friend to vote for you by buying our paper and we will send you anywhere from Palestine to Paris or Chicago to Cuba." The surprise of this situation is that there are clergymen who have swallowed this bait and are hooked for the business department.

No one institution in our republic has done more to break down respect for the Christian Sabbath than has the Sunday newspaper. While it may be true that most of the work upon these issues is done in the week time, yet the distribution of the papers takes place on Sunday. This circulation requires the services of thousands of ungrown boys who are taught thereby disrespect for the Christian Sabbath. Tens of thousands of people are furnished a mass of reading the perusal of which keeps them from the public places of worship. Many of the comic supplements of these papers are potent factors in destroying the finer senses and distorting the minds of the children, crowding from their thoughts the higher ideals and culturing ideas of life.

In the light of these facts it is difficult to un-

derstand how any Christian minister can become a candidate for favors at the hands of a daily paper the Sunday edition of which is worth five times that of any week day in winning for him the proffered favor. Such ministers as do accept these favors should be furnished with tickets for one way only, and that all the way to the place where this scheme for baiting the ministers originated. Let none who go on one of these tours return, for no decent community would again listen with respect to his message.

I have no doubt that there is widespread resentment against this invasion of our churches and Sunday schools by this commercial spirit and this baiting of the ministers.

M. P. BOYNTON.

A PROTEST.

We, members of the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Chicago, have noted with deep embarrassment an advertising scheme on the part of one of the daily papers of this city which offers expensive tours to such ministers of the Gospel as are elected by popular vote for such favors.

Our distress is due to the fact that the profession of the Christian minister is held in such disesteem as to expose him to proposed benefits largely derived through the sale and circulation of a Sunday newspaper.

We denounce this audacious scheme as unworthy of the attention of the Christian public and greatly below the dignity of the Christian clergyman.

We believe that no minister of repute in this or any other city would accept favors so largely secured through a Sunday newspaper.

In the interests of the Lord's day, the sacredness of the church, the good morals of a growing generation and the fair name of our city we protest against this presumptuous use of the Christian ministry.

[Offered in the meeting of the Chicago Baptist Ministers' Conference, Monday morning, September 24, 1906, by Pastor M. P. Boynton.]

Our favorites are few; since only what rises from the heart reaches it, being caught and carried on the tongues of men wheresoever love and letters journey.—*Alcott*.

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The sermon preached upon B. Y. P. U., Rally Day, Sept. 16, 1906, by R. W. Hobbs, pastor of the Rogers Park Baptist church, Chicago, Ill., will be found on page 11.

Executive Board meetings are held the third Thursday of each month.

Spokane, Wash., July, 1907. Don't forget the date of the International Convention. A large crowd is expected from Chicago.

Keep in mind the February Mid-winter Conference. Full particulars later.

A WORK THE BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD GIVE THEIR HEARTIEST SUPPORT.

The annual report of the Charity Wardrobe of Cook County Hospital, Chicago, shows that for four years ending October 1, 1906, 21,831 garments have been distributed to the sick poor and insane. While neither creed or color is considered in this distribution, the founder and superintendent, Mrs. Robert B. Koerner, who gives her spare time free, is a member of the Second Baptist church. Mrs. Koerner saw this great field for labor, but was compelled to take it up single handed and alone, and has carried it on successfully. She now begins the fifth year. The Chicago Daily News has supported the work since its beginning, placing the needs of the sick before the public, who generously responded. The success of the splendid system of distribution is due to the sympathy and co-operation of the president of the Board of County Commissioners, Hon. Edward J. Brundage, and his appointee, the warden of the County Hospital, who have erected headquarters and furnished all assistance to carry on the work. Through this charity old people have found homes, young

men new starts in life, while many young women who have fallen by the wayside have been rescued. Children and infants who must go out in the too often cold world are now at least warmly clad.

NORTH SIDE DISTRICT.

MISS COOK, DISTRICT EDITOR.

The North District held a successful "Echo Rally" at the Pilgrim Temple, Tuesday evening, September 18. Miss Minnie K. Nelson, missionary at Logan Square Norwegian church, gave some bright and interesting remarks on the Omaha Convention. The speaker of the evening was Rev. John Earl, the new pastor of the Belden Avenue church, who gave a very stirring and helpful address on "Seeing Visions." He urged our young people to be on the alert to see our opportunities and to grasp them. Some excellent musical selections were enjoyed by those present.

On Sunday afternoon at 4:30, September 30, the officers of the district held a meeting at the Belden Avenue church, to lay plans for furthering interest in the work of the district. They also remained to the B. Y. P. U. meeting. As Mr. Dorr, city president, took charge of the meeting, and the city officers were present, the Union was favored with a goodly number of interested visitors.

Mr. Vollmer, chairman of the Educational Committee, is exceedingly anxious to see a good live Christian culture class in every Baptist church, and is working hard to that end. We urge the presidents to communicate with him at once and see that a class is organized. The Sacred Literature Course for this year, entitled "The Young Christian and His Bible," will make an unusually helpful course.

The president will take notice that per capita taxes for this year are now due. Let's get this matter closed up at once. See the treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bishop, 264 Garfield avenue.

Pilgrim Temple was awarded the banner for the best attendance at the Echo Rally, Rogers Park being a close second.

We are looking forward to a new feature in our district work this year. This is in the nature of a Thanksgiving sunrise service, to be held at the Belden Avenue Baptist church. Rev. Ralph W. Hobbs, pastor of the Rogers Park church, will conduct the devotional service. Breakfast will be served by the Belden Avenue B. Y. P. U. This sunrise service has been one of the most successful features of the West District work. Last year over 1,000 young people attended this service. As we have about as large a membership as they, we should see to it that the church is filled at this service.

NOTE THE DATE—November 29, Belden Avenue church, Sunrise Thanksgiving Service.

WEST SIDE DISTRICT.

HEALY C. DEAN, DISTRICT EDITOR.

All information regarding meetings of the district will be furnished by the president, Mr. H. W. Ralph, the secretary, Miss A. Knott.

the superintendent of meetings, Mr. F. W. Van Keuren.

Next Board meeting at Elgin, October 30. Don't forget the ride. For the good time you will have write Wm. Teal, Crerar Library, Chicago. September 16 the first Work Committee meeting was held at the Western Avenue church. Dr. Grove led the young people's service and the president had charge of the evening church service.

An Educational Convention was held on September 11 at the Fourth Baptist church. The meeting was opened by song, "Come Thou Almighty King." Rev. Mr. Geistweit of the Austin Avenue church offered the opening prayer. Our president, Mr. Ralph, the Baptist Men's Chorus and they rendered a selection. After a short business session Miss Margaret Allison and Miss Bessie Parker rendered a duet so beautifully that we wish through these lines to thank them.

Mr. Ralph then introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. Jno. A. Earl, pastor of the Belden Avenue church. His subject was "Equipment for Service." The text was Luke 1:4. The why and how of Luke's gospel. Why was it written? Because of the need of just such a gospel. How was it written? By perseverance, patience, accuracy, purpose. There is not a person that was present but what understands the book of Luke better and the character of the writer better, and Livingstone's purpose and disposition.

After this inspiring and extremely interesting address another selection was rendered by the Men's Chorus.

Rev. Mr. Sly put the finishing touches on Dr. Earl's address by speaking on the "Organization of Sacred Literature Classes." A roll call of the various local unions showed that a great amount of interest in this line of work has been aroused, and the winters' outlook is very promising.

A roll call showed the membership present 367.

Work Committee meetings for October, November and December, 1906:

- October 7.—Clyde.
- October 14.—Maywood.
- October 21.—Garfield Park.
- November 5.—Trinity.
- November 18.—Millard Avenue.
- December 9.—Messiah.
- December 23.—Grace.

The largest Board meeting ever held was at the Oak Park church September 25. A large supper to the hungry delegates was served by the young ladies. Many thanks for their kindness. Vocal solos by Master Agar and recitations by Mr. Hamilton, the new secretary of the Boys' Department of the Oak Park Y. M. C. A., was much appreciated.

SOUTH SIDE DISTRICT.

K. F. MATHER, DISTRICT EDITOR.

Presidents of the Unions in the South Side District:

Bethany—Miss Edith Biddle, 1466 W. 35th street.

Bethel—Miss Hazel Zimmerman, 7236 Cottage Grove avenue.

Blue Island—Miss M. E. Smith, 246 Oak street.

Calvary—Mr. E. C. Wilson, 13 Woodland Park
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Harvey—Mr. John M. Hestenes, 15315 Lexington avenue.

Immanuel Branch No. 2—Mr. Floyd Barkman, 22nd street and South Park avenue.

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Lexington Avenue—Mr. Kline.

Memorial—Miss Stella Foute, 199 E. 37th street.

Parkside—Mrs. C. H. Webster, 8215 East End avenue.

Roseland—Mr. H. Kelley, 10926 Curtis avenue.

South Chicago—Mrs. Wm. Cocus, 6347 Washington avenue.

West Pullman—Mr. Irvin Farmer, 11931 Wallace street.

Windsor Park—Mr. K. F. Mather, 7321 Luella avenue.

September 23rd our president, Mr. Hillman, led the devotional meeting for the Chicago Heights B. Y. P. U. He received a very cordial welcome and reported that he enjoyed the service very much. We are very glad to get acquainted with the Chicago Heights young people, and though they are some distance out we hope that we will soon have the pleasure of welcoming them in to the district, and that we will be a help to them and they to us.

The same evening Miss Burmaster took the meeting at Roseland. It is always a help to the local unions and an inspiration to the leaders when exchanges are made or outsiders come in in this way. We hope we can report more such occurrences in the future.

The Windsor Park Union are organizing a mission study class, to take up the study of "Aliens or Americans?" during the fall months. Mrs. W. G. Mather is the leader and seven members have already expressed a willingness to take up the work. We hope this class will be a success and that other unions will follow their admirable example.

On Thursday evening, September 20, a missionary rally was held at the Memorial Baptist church, and though there were not as many present as were desired, the many who attended had a very enjoyable time. Supper was served at 6:30, followed by a conference on mission study, led by Mrs. W. G. Kinton. Unfortunately the time was too short for the completion of this conference, and so it was adjourned to Sunday, September 30, at 3 p. m., in the same place. It is hoped that several mission study classes will be the result of Mrs. Kinton's labors in this line. At eight o'clock the rally proper was opened by an organ recital on the magnificent new organ recently acquired by the Memorial church. A selection by the choir was followed by scripture and prayer by Rev. H. G. Lyman. Dr. Lounsberry, instead of delivering an address himself, made an appeal for more attention to missions, and his wife rendered a solo, "I Am Happy," that was appreciated by all. Mr. and Mrs. Davies are now en route to

China to enter upon their careers as missionaries there. An address was then delivered by Dr. Spikner, who has just returned from a ten years' service in China.

At the District Board meeting, September 16, Mr. C. A. Neyman of Parkside was elected district secretary and the new constitution was adopted.

Don't forget the Thanksgiving Day Sunrise Prayer Meeting at the Lexington Avenue church. Particulars of this meeting will be given in the next issue. Watch for them.

VALUE OF THE SOUL.

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

"The basis of all business relations is a question of profit and loss. The two requisition conditions of all trade are, What am I to get? and What am I to give for that which I get? There is an old German proverb which runs thus. 'The eye can only see what it can see.' This sounds like foolishness, but the more you think about it the clearer the meaning becomes. When you consider that all eyes are not alike, some are near-sighted, some far-sighted, some very close observant, others not so much so, then you will realize what the old proverb really means. So in the words of the text, did Christ really mean that a man could really obtain the whole world? That were nonsense. Then what did he mean? Listen: 'For what shall it profit a man if he gain everything he can gain and lose his own soul?' is what Christ meant. Do people really intend to lose their souls? No, the danger point is in that headlong rush so common in these days, the result of which means complete loss of the soul. What do they get? Everything possible for them to get. What do they give? Their own souls. What is the soul, any way? We do not know, but we may attempt some definition such as his: The soul is a strange, mysterious essence of life, controlling all our actions and thought, and yet is neither action nor thought. Then the natural question arises, What is the soul good for? Who can begin to foretell the possibilities of the soul? What is the demand for the soul? The awful carnage and irreparable loss caused by all the deadly conflicts of war throughout the centuries cannot begin to compare with the ceaseless struggle between God and the devil for its possession. What did it cost? 'For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son.' To begin to have an idea of its priceless value you've got to go to the manger and see the Christ, the very image of the God-head, enter life incarnated into human flesh; you've got to follow His footsteps in after life and hear Him say, 'Foxes have holes and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has not where to lay his head.' Then see Him as He weeps at the grave of Lazarus and on farther when in Gethsemane He breaks out in that bloody sweat. From there follow Him to the Judgment Hall of Pilate, see Him spit upon and buffeted; watch him, compelled to stumble under the weight of that cross up to Calvary. Now gaze, if you can, upon His agonies throughout that long period of more than

mortal suffering; and, as He bows His head and dies, look in fear and trembling on all God's terrible warnings to a nation steeped in iniquity and sin. Then, and only then, when you have seen all this, will you have some faint conception of what the cost to God is of a human soul. Verily we can now say with a more realizing sense and a clearer grasp of Christ's meaning than ever before, 'For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?'"

DON'T FORGET.

The Record desires to call the attention of its readers to the fact that every Baptist in Chicago who keeps abreast with the work of the denomination, and this means more than what is being done in any single city or state, will take our great denominational paper, *The Standard*, which gives each week an accurate and comprehensive review of the status of denominational work throughout the world, in addition to special news from the Northwest.

The Standard is an essential medium of information to the denomination and becomes necessary to every intelligent reader of *The Record*.

The Standard began with August a new serial story, "The Doctor," by Ralph Connor, a captivating story which everybody will want to read. Send your name to *The Standard*, 324 Dearborn street, Chicago, for sample copies, then subscribe. Or if you send \$1.00 now you will get the paper for six months and will have the back chapters of "The Doctor" sent you so you will not miss any of the story. Subscribe now.

A CHANCE FOR THE UNFORTUNATE.

A new experiment in helping those who have met with misfortune has been inaugurated in New York City. It is for hard working people who need aid in providing for themselves and their families. An organization has been formed and given the name of the New York Association for the cultivation of Vacant Lots. The chairman is Mr. Howard Payson Wilds, and the treasurer, Mr. Bolton Hall.

The use of the old Burke farm, within the city limits of the Bronx, but far enough out to be more country than city, has been obtained from the Astor estate, and a resident superintendent has been established with his family in the old homestead. A fertilizer manufacturing company donated a supply of their product and the land has been plowed and put in condition for cultivation. Here some three hundred and fifty people are now at work, raising produce, by the sale of which they are enabled to make a living for themselves. Some go back and forth from their homes in the city, others live in tents on the land.—*The World Today*, for August.

To persevere in one's duty and to be silent is the first answer to calumny.—*George Washington*

COOK COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

The association is just now very anxious to get before the churches and Sunday school its plan of teacher training in union class. These classes begin the week which comes in with Monday, October 1. The announcement is as follows:

TEACHER TRAINING (NORMAL) CLASSES,
Conducted by the Cook County Sunday School Association, for eleven weeks, 7:45 to 9 p. m., for all Sunday school teachers and adult scholars.

To help busy teachers, the International Lesson for the following Sunday is taught for twenty minutes. This is followed by a Training Lesson on Bible Study for forty-five minutes.

No tuition fee is charged for the course, but an offering will be taken each evening. Students are expected to purchase their own text-books. Those taking an examination will receive a certificate in credit for the International Diploma.

Sunday afternoon, 4:00—Third Presbyterian church, Ashland boulevard and Monroe street. Miss Content Patterson, Old Testament Study.

Monday evening, 7:45—Belden Avenue Baptist church, Belden avenue and Halsted street. Dr. Solon C. Bronson, of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, New Testament Study.

Monday evening, 7:45—Berwyn Baptist church, Berwyn, Ill. Rev. Maurice B. Spayd, Old Testament Study.

Tuesday evening, 7:45—Campbell Park Presbyterian church, Leavitt street, south of Harrison street. Miss Content Patterson, Old Testament Study.

Thursday noon, 12:00—Y. M. C. A. Lecture Room, 153 La Salle street. Old Testament Study. Begins about October 18. Definite announcement later.

Thursday evening, 7:45—Association House, North avenue, near Leavitt street. Miss Content Patterson, Old Testament Study.

Friday evening, 7:45—77th Street M. E. church, Windsor Park. Miss Content Patterson, New Testament Study.

A class on the South Side, to be taught by Prof. T. G. Soares, of the University of Chicago, is being arranged for, and also one in the vicinity of Douglas Park, to be taught by Rev. M. B. Spayd.

Note especially the class on Sunday afternoon at the Third Presbyterian church and the one at the Y. M. C. A., 153 La Salle street, on Thursday noon. These unusual series of meetings may just meet the need of some who would otherwise lose the opportunity for this study.

All departments of the Sunday school work are being pushed vigorously. The Rally Day social and supper on the evening of September 13 was attended by more than 400 workers and was addressed by Chas. L. Hutchinson, vice-

president of the Corn Exchange Bank and superintendent of the St. Paul's Universalist Sunday school for more than twenty-five years; also by William C. Pearce, International Teacher Training secretary.

The men's chorus is in training for the Fall Men's Concert, more than 200 being present at the last rehearsal.

The Adult Class Athletic Association has had over eighty ball clubs in uniform the last season. A great banquet for this association is to be held on the evening of October 12, at the Cafe Lakota, 157 La Salle street. Tickets may be obtained at the county office 140 Dearborn street, for 50 cents each. All men interested in Sunday school work are cordially invited. An inspiring time is expected.

A tour of conventions to cover the whole county is to begin about the middle of October.

ISAAC B. BURGESS.

THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Sunday school interests of two continents, and largely of the whole world, were centered in the annual meeting of the executive committee of the International Sunday School Association, held at Winona Lake, Ind., August 8-13. In it were gathered fifty men prominent in the professional and business life of America and Canada, to discuss questions of importance to millions of Sunday school teachers and scholars reached by the association. The meeting represented sixty-nine States, Provinces and Territories in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Porto Rico, Central America, and the Islands of the Sea, and more than thirty evangelical denominations, with 155,000 Sunday schools, 1,500,000 officers and teachers, and more than 14,000,000 scholars.

The International Sunday School Association is the central powerhouse of Sunday school activity in America. It furnishes, through the publications of the denominational and independent publishing houses, the International Sunday school lessons used in all lands. In thousands of conventions its blessings are distributed to every part of its great field. During the past year more than 13,000 Sunday school conventions have been held, in which at least 4,500,000 people have been reached.

Mr. F. A. Wells, of this church, was elected international treasurer, to act until June, 1908.

The International Lesson Committee has prepared an optional advance course of lessons, which is now ready for the publishers. The growth of the departmental work reveals an encouraging condition. Dr. W. A. Duncan reports that the Home Department in twelve months has gained 1,378 departments, with 39,000 new members, and now reports a total of 11,891 departments, with a membership of 438,102.

The Primary Department has fifty-nine State, Provincial and Territorial superintendents in the field, who, through organized primary work, institutes and primary unions, are carrying to the

teaching forces of the elementary grades the best educational methods of Bible teaching and development of child life. Mrs. J. W. Barnes, the international superintendent of elementary grades, was authorized, with the general secretary, to arrange for an aggressive campaign of elementary institutes and group meetings in needy portions of the field.

The Teacher-Training Department, through its superintendent, W. C. Pearce, reported 50,000 teachers now studying the teacher-training course. Summer schools for the training of Sunday school teachers are rapidly increasing and largely attended. The International Bible Reading Association, with 9,100 members, shows an advance of two hundred per cent.

Mr. Hartshorn, chairman of the transportation committee, announced that the steamer *Romanic* of the White Star Line would leave New York, April 27, 1907, for the convention, and that several hundred had already indicated their intention to go to the convention.

For information concerning transportation, rates, etc., write Mr. W. N. Hartshorn, International Sunday school rooms, Boylston St., Boston, Mass

A PROPOSED BIBLE CONFERENCE.

Association Hall, Chicago, October 29-31, 1906.

This conference will be under the auspices of ministers and laymen of the Baptist church, the Congregational church, the Lutheran church, the Methodist church, the Presbyterian church, the Protestant Episcopal church, the Reformed Episcopal church, the Reformed church of America and the United Presbyterian church.

The purpose of the League is "to promote a thorough, reverent and constructive study of the Bible and to maintain the historic faith of the church in the divine inspiration and the supreme authority of the Word of God." The members subscribe to the following declaration:

"Believing in the divine origin, integrity, inspiration and supreme authority of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, I desire to become a member of the Chicago Branch of the American Bible League."

The speakers chosen will be divided as far as possible between those who come from a distance and those who come from Chicago. Among those invited to prepare papers are: Rev. Prof. Clay, the University of Pennsylvania; Rev. Prof. Wilson, Ref. Epis. Theo. Seminary, Philadelphia; Rev. D. J. Burrell, New York; Rev. L. T. Townsend, Boston; Rev. Geo. F. Wright, Oberlin; Rev. Franklin Johnson, University of Chicago; Rev. H. M. Scott; Rev. B. L. Hobson, D. D., Chicago.

AMERICA FOR PURITY.

"The Conference of the National Purity Federation, which is called for October 9th, 10th and 11th at Abraham Lincoln Centre, Chicago, will have some tremendous problems to face. The 'Federation' is only in its infancy, being the result of a conference of purity workers held one year ago at La Crosse, Wis., and the most important work of the Chicago Conference will be the further development and strengthening of the organization so that it may be accepted as a

voice and director of hundreds of local organizations which exist all over the country.


The purpose of the Federation is the uniting of forces directed against the many forms of social depravity, moving together to educate, restrain, rescue or prohibit, as may be found wise or necessary, to safe-guard American virtue and home-life.

The program of the Conference contains the names of such reformers as Dr. Wilbur Crafts, Father Coffey, St. Louis; John Lennon, Treasurer, American Federation of Labor; Anthony Comstock; Dr. Silvanus Stall; Dr. Mary Wood, Mrs. Elizabeth Grannis, Miss Maria Lydia Winkler, Berlin, Germany, and many others.

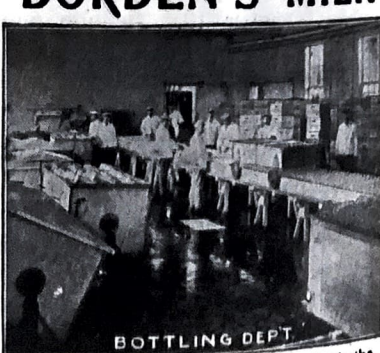
The Chicago committee is as follows: Jenkins Lloyd Jones, Bishop Fallows, Dr. D. Paulson, Rev. John Balcom Shaw, Rabbi Schanfarber, Prof. W. S. Jackman, Mrs. J. B. Caldwell, Rev. Jos. Flint, and Rev. Wm. Burgess, chairman.

There are to be discussions of the most vitally interesting subjects by very able men and women from all parts of the country. The business of the Conference will open on the morning of Tuesday, October 9th, and the first public session will be held in the evening of the same day when Mayor Dunne will give the address of welcome and Dr. Crafts, Father Coffey and Mrs. Mary C. Terrell, the eloquent president of the National Association of Colored Women, will be the speakers.

Programs and particulars may be obtained by addressing the chairman, Rev. W. Burgess, Lincoln Centre, Oakwood Blvd., Chicago.



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THE TRUE TEST OF DISCIPLESHIP.

L. T. FOREMAN.

There are many superficial tests of determining who are the disciples of Jesus. With some it is intellectual assent to certain peculiar creeds, with others conformity to certain ceremonials or enrollment in a religious organization. However valuable these may be judged to be, they are not entirely conclusive. With one sweep Jesus sets aside everything that is superficial and reveals the very heart of the matter. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another." Jno. 13:35. He makes discipleship rest upon affection, upon the heart condition of the believer.

In His statement of this to His disciples He presents it as something new. "A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another." He repeats this three times in nearly the same words. Was it a new thing? Electricity was not a new thing when Benjamin Franklin drew it down from the clouds, but from that day to this it has been applied in a thousand new ways to the wants of modern life. Love was not a new thing, but our Saviour desired His disciples to make it practical in a thousand ways among men. Christians are to be known in the world of men by the endearing attribute.

The living example of this affection was Jesus himself. "This is my commandment that ye love one another even as I have loved you." Jno. 15:12. John lived so near to the heart of Christ that he caught the spirit of Christ in large measure. The son of thunder became the disciple of love. It was this that enabled him to fill his gospel with the doctrine of love, for he had come to live in this atmosphere as a bird lives in the air. Long years had passed since he desired to call down fire from heaven to destroy the opponents of Christ.

Love is the fundamental attribute for the Christian. It serves to enforce all other evidences of discipleship. Love strengthens faith. A mother will cling in faith to an erring child, believing in her child when all others give up hope. Love is the promise of loyalty to Christ and His cause. We are disposed to be loyal to those we love. Jesus understood this and probed Peter to the quick, "Lovest thou me?" It leads to obedience, "Ye will keep my words." It makes service and self-denial easy. Love sweetens many a bitter cup.

A spirit of love for the brethren is really indispensable in a disciple of Jesus. Was Drummond too strong in his assertion that love is the greatest thing in the world? No stronger than Paul when he says: "If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all

faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing." It is not stronger than the statement of Christ, who makes love the sum and substance of the whole law.

In looking then for the test of discipleship, it is not of the first importance to ask, "Am I orthodox?" or "Is my creed all right?" but rather, "Is my heart right with God and man?" To love God supremely and to love our neighbor as ourselves satisfies all the demands of God and humanity. If we fail in point of love, we fail fatally in the estimation of Christ. It was the heart-burnings of a girl that kindled into flame the revival in Wales.

If love is at the heart it will regulate all affairs in which a disciple will touch his fellow-man. We touch our neighbor chiefly at three centers of life—at home, in the church, in business. What a moral revolution there would be in the world if love really reigned in the lives



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Another center is the assembly of Christian people. Here the divine doctrine of love is steadily proclaimed, and here it flourishes like the banyan tree, which takes root wherever the branches touch the soil. No one shall ever be able to measure its influence or weigh its power. It knits souls together, it stirs into flame the smoldering fires of benevolence and mercy. Missions are but the tidal waves of divine love that wash the far-away shores of distant continents.

Nevertheless, even in the church of God there are occasional insurrections against the reign of the kindly authority of love. What terrible dissensions have raged in all ages! Under the mistaken idea that certain theories must be maintained martyrs have gone to the stake, and churches, founded in tears and prayers, have been forever wrecked. O religion, what crimes have been wrought in thy name! Still,

"I love thy kingdom, Lord,
The house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood."

The greatest heresy of all is the violation of the law of love. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Another place where life touches life is in the business world. What a seething caldron it is! It is in this world of toil where the command of Christ should be made practical. Dr. Lyman Abbott said that a certain farmer put one hundred fifty-nine and one-half acres of his farm to grain, hay, etc., then devoted one-half an acre about his house for flowers, to be cultivated by his wife. So the man of the world to-day devotes about everything in his life to business enterprises and expects his wife to cultivate what few flowers of love there are. Problems not easy to solve confront the disciple of Christ in business. There he meets fierce competition, unholy ambitions, consuming passions for gain, and unrighteousness in many forms. What shall he do Shall he yield to the temptation? Shall sin be covered by the old pretext, "business is business"?

Jesus understood the problems of life. He met and faced them in the wilderness and all along the way. He saw that the only solution

to the problem of human relationship is in the exercise of love. It is not a weak, sentimental thing, but a strong, practical obedience to the will of God. Love is broad enough to include justice, mercy, faith and holiness. Love makes the Golden Rule easy, believes in fair play. Love forbids every act of unrighteousness, as an injury to a brother-man. If love prevailed, the entire structure of the liquor traffic would crumble.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery, author of the new Mission Study Text Book "Christus Redemptor," will give a course of six lecture studies on her own book in Chicago, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 29th, 30th and 31st, 1906, under the auspices of the Interdenominational Committee of the Central West.

These lectures will be given in Hall 913, Masonic Temple, Chicago, at 10:30 a. m. and 2:00 p. m. of each day. An exceptional opportunity is thus afforded to leaders of Mission Study Classes for help in the preparation of the lessons; and all lovers of missions will greatly enjoy this comprehensive glance at the Island World. Mrs. Montgomery's charming manner, brilliant style, and exhaustive study of the topic, make her a most attractive leader on a fascinating subject.

Tickets for the entire course, one dollar. They may be obtained at denominational headquarters, or at the hall. Single admission, 25 cents.

Copies of "Christus Redemptor" and of Mrs.

Montgomery's outline studies will be on sale at the hall. Remember the dates, October 29th, 30th and 31st.

PLAN FOR ATTENDANCE.

As representatives of the various boards affiliated with the Interdenominational Committee, we desire to urge upon the members of our Auxiliary Societies their attendance upon this course of studies. We can most heartily testify to the pleasure and profit to be gained thereby.

Signed—

Miss Carrie E. Perrine, W. B. F. M. S. of the West (Baptist.)

Miss Lura Thompson, W. B. M. (Christian.)

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This freedom is contrasted with slavery to law in which there is required the utmost care in the observance of every letter. Under that system the conscience can never be at rest. It is impossible to be sure that one has done enough good deeds or just the right ones. This slavery has emerged even in Christian lands. Pilgrimages, prayers, confession, penance, self-denial and mortification—when is their work complete? Or in Protestantism, when has one the right ordinance, the proper observance of Sunday, or the scriptural form of church organization? From all this Christ sets men free by the spirit which quickeneth. It is the disposition of heart and will which brings one to God and that is in one's power.

The Gospel is also free in that it is without price. It is above and beyond commercial value. It is like friendship or honor which cannot be purchased with money but yet lie within

reach of every resolute and sincere heart. The Gospel was for the poor not because it was cheap but because they, too, had the power to lay hold of it with their wills. The good news is also free from the burdens of specific doctrines. It is bound to none of these except as they continually justify themselves by new tests and by new experiences.

When the free spirit of man has conquered the false claims of law, of worldly power, and of theological dogmas, then and then alone is it able to estimate these at their real value. Then alone is it able to use ordinances as symbols without being enthralled by them; to employ riches as an instrument of religious progress; and to estimate and measure doctrines as aids to faith rather than as preconditions or tests of faith. Jesus was free in these ways himself. On occasion he set aside the traditions of His people absolutely; at others He observed them. He gained His way in the world without money or power, and in calling men into His company He set up no doctrinal requirements. The church needs to imitate this free attitude of Jesus, and so to interpret the values and ideals of religion in each generation that the weary and heavy laden will seek and find rest to their souls.



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BY R. R. KENNAN.

Sept. 2, Sunday—Rev. W. M. Embree preached in the morning on the topic, "The Ministrant Man." Rev. R. R. Kennan, Assistant to the pastor, preached in the evening, on the topic, "Thoughts that Make Destinies."

Sept. 3, Monday—Open-air Meeting. Rev. W. M. Embree preached.

Sept. 4, Wednesday—Midweek prayer meeting. Rev. W. M. Embree leader. Subject, "Spiritual Understanding."

Sept. 7, Friday—Christian Endeavor Meeting.

Sept. 9, Sunday—Address in the morning by Rev. Ervin S. Chapman, D. D., Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League for California. Topic, "A Stainless Flag." Pastor de Blois preached in the evening.

Sept. 10, Monday—Open-air Meeting.

Sept. 12, Wednesday—Midweek prayer meeting.

Sept. 14, Friday—Christian Endeavor Meeting.

Sept. 16, Sunday—Sermons morning and evening by Pastor de Blois. Morning topic, "Christ's Chief Mission; Our First Duty." Evening topic, "The Man Who Helped."

Sept. 17, Monday—Open-air Meeting.

Sept. 18, Tuesday—Annual meeting of the Men's League.

Sept. 19, Wednesday—Church prayer meeting. Topic, "The Joy of Christ's Redemption." Scripture, Romans 8:1-14.

Sept. 21, Friday—Christian Endeavor meeting. Subject, "How Christ Met His Enemies and How We Should Meet Ours." Luke 4:28-30 and 11:37-44. Mr. Leland, leader.

Sept. 23, Sunday—Sermons by the pastor. Topics, "The Deeper Thoughtfulness," and "Rest in Christ Jesus."

Sept. 24, Monday—Open-air meeting. First regular meeting of the year of the Amoret Henson Guild.

Sept. 26, Wednesday—Midweek prayer meeting. Topic, "Triumphs in the Gospel."

Sept. 29, Friday—Christian Endeavor meeting. Missionary topic.

Sept. 30, Sunday—Sermons by the pastor. Topics, "The Broader Sympathy," and "A Crisis and a Decision."

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The "Interior" is authority also for a most encouraging statement by Gen. Fred D. Grant upon the matter of total abstinence from strong drink. There could scarcely be a stronger temperance lecture, and coming from such a man ought to have very great weight with young men everywhere, out of the army as well as in it. It also ought to cause serious reflection upon the part of those who favor the restoration of the liquor-selling army canteen. These are General Grant's own words: "Tell young men that General Grant does not drink a drop of liquor—has not for eighteen years—because he is afraid to drink it. I tried to drink with extreme moderation, because I knew that alcohol is the worst poison that a man could take into his system; but I found it was an absolute impossibility to drink moderately. Because moderate drinking is a practical impossibility I became an absolute teetotaler—a crank if you please. I will not allow it even in my house. Drink is the greatest curse, because practically all crime and disaster are the result of it. Ninety-five percent of the desertions and acts of lawlessness in the army are due to drink. If I could by offering my body a sacrifice, free this country from the fell cancer, the demon drink, I'd thank the Almighty for the privilege of doing it. If I had the greatest appointive powers in the country, no man would get even the smallest appointment from me unless he showed proof of his absolute teetotalism. As it is, of my own appointees, the members of my staff, not one of them touches a drop. They know better."

We hear much about Friday and the 13th day of the month being days on which to look out for misfortune to befall you. But here are a few Fridays on which happened events of blessings, in nearly every instance, to the whole world:

George Washington, as is well known, was born on Friday.

Napoleon Bonaparte was born on Friday.

America was discovered on Friday.

The Mayflower pilgrims were landed on Friday.

Shakespeare, as every litterateur knows, was born on Friday.

In Scotland, Friday is the favorite day for weddings.

The Battle of Bunker Hill was fought on Friday.

The Battle of New Orleans was fought on Friday.

The Declaration of Independence was signed on Friday.

Read these words of Dr. Cuyler: "Today the want of this dying world is Christ. The one gift that includes all spiritual gifts, the blessing that enwraps all blessings for us, is Jesus. A personal Savior accepted is salvation; a personal Jesus trusted is perpetual joy; a personal Jesus obeyed is sanctification; a personal Jesus possessed is our power."

Let us be like a bird—one instant lighted
Upon a twig that swings;
He feels it yield—but sings on unaffrighted
Knowing he hath wings.

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Through the "Interior" we get the following excellent editorial which recently appeared in the "Burlington Hawkeye" the paper made so famous by "Bob" Burdette. It is a paper that has given utterance to many helpful and sensible things during its history, but never to anything better or more to the point than this which has to do with religious intelligence or intelligent religion:—"Do you take a church paper or religious journal, either denominational or on the broader plane of general moral and religious discussion and inculcation? If not you ought to do so. Good publications of this character are cheap in price and valuable in contents and influence. The family reading circle is incomplete without one or more such publications. The wife needs it; every woman has more or less of spiritual and moral longings. The children need it; their moral natures require the helpful stimulus and encouragement of a higher order of spiritual thinking than is found in the comic supplements of the daily papers and the average drawing from the public library. Even the family that has no church affiliation and no religious training can find it advantageous to have one good religious journal in the house. Man has a three-fold nature, physical, mental, and spiritual. The well rounded man cannot afford to neglect any of them. This article is directed mainly to the non-church going element of society, people who have little knowledge of and little interest in the church world. This is a weak spot in their well-being. It is to such "The Hawkeye" specifically commends this "taking of a religious journal."

"Jesus dies! and the disciples flee. The world grows dark and cold. Devils hold jubilee over the dead Nazarene, and the universe is in suspense: but the resurrection follows and God's purposes are making headway against earth and hell! The Holy Ghost is given; the day of Pentecost follows; three thousand are converted—and the good work goes on. Stephen is stoned, and the saints look sad! But Saul, holding the garments of the murderers, is reviving light and truth, and the haughty persecutor of today will soon be seen blind and penitent at Damascus, and humbly kneeling at the feet of Ananias, a worshipper of the Nazarene. And ere the grass grows green on Stephen's grave, his convert in death is preaching to the Gentiles."

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